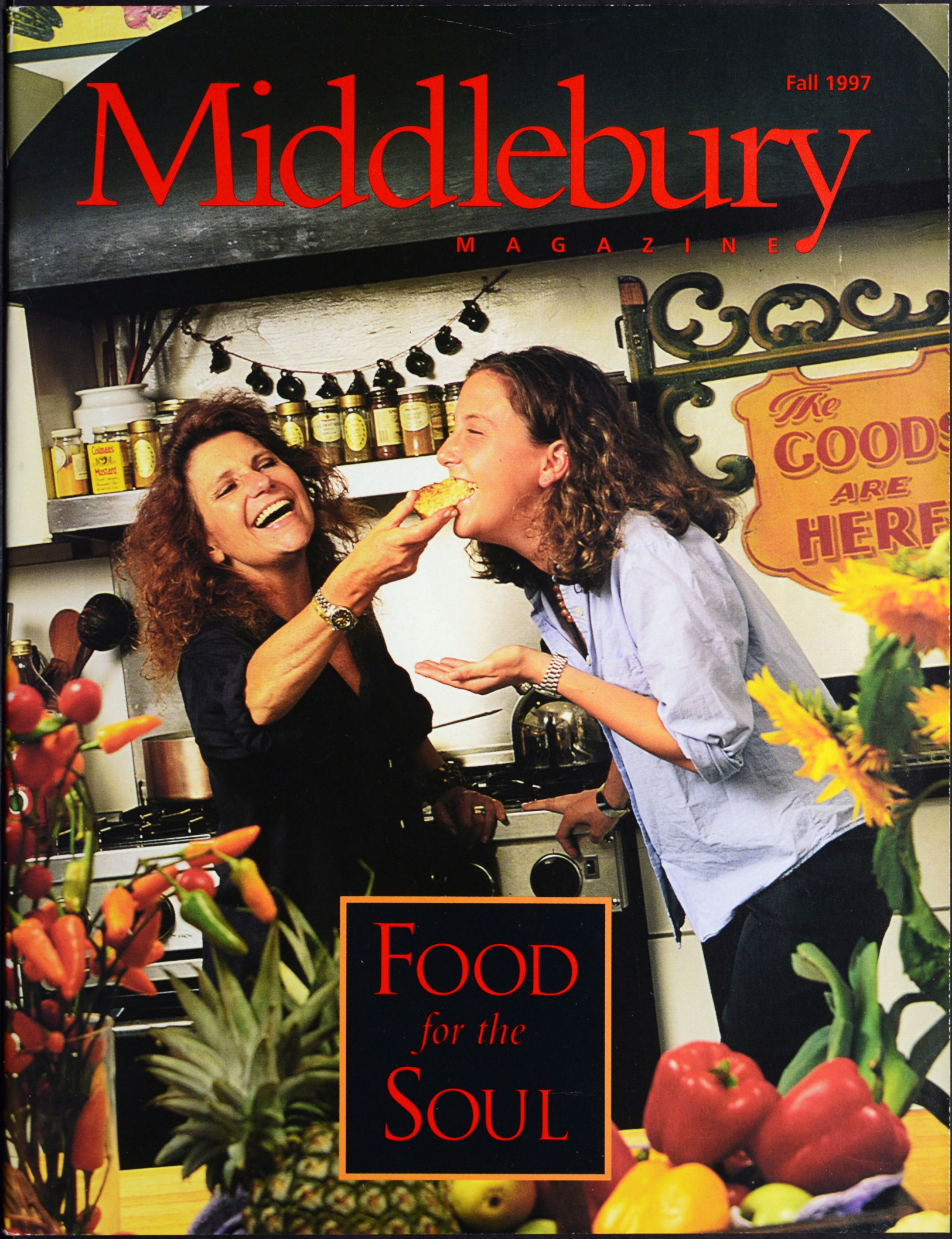
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VIEWFINDER

"WE'RE ON OUR WAY"

The transformation was complete. On Saturday night, October 25, Pepin Gymnasium had become (save for the championship banners and basketball hoops tucked discretely high up in the rafters) a carpeted, candlelit ballroom. Students formerly clad in sweat clothes now sported little black cocktail dresses that ended almost before they began. Faculty had traded white lab coats for evening gowns and suits.

Over 700 trustees, faculty, alumni, students, and staff had gathered to celebrate the announcement of an unprecedented fund-raising campaign for Middlebury—The Bicentennial Campaign—which had set an ambitious goal of $200 million, to be raised by the year 2001.

The program opened with remarks from former presidents James I. Armstrong and Olin C. Robison, but applause could not entirely cover the muffled clinks of forks sinking into chilled smoked salmon and spinach terrine. Diners, sipping wines from the vineyards of J. Lohr (his wife, Carol Waldorf Lohr '58), had been regarding their elegantly presented appetizers for nearly an hour as opening remarks continued and some couldn't resist just *tasting* the beautiful meal prepared by Dining Services.

Claire Gargalli, the first woman chair of the Board of Trustees, described the "fearless and unstoppable" leadership of Pat Palmer '57 and Bob Youngman '64, co-chairs of the campaign. Palmer has been nothing short of inspirational: her enthusiasm contagious and her warmth opening doors for Middlebury everywhere. Youngman, with his dry wit and big bear presence, evoked laughs when he recounted his initial skepticism that Midd could ever raise the kind of money hoped for. (He says he took Vice President for External Affairs Will Melton out to a "really nice dinner" as kind of a consolation prize.) But he had been won over, as had many other generous donors, including the anonymous trustee who was footing the bill for this gala evening.

After the guests tucked into their sirloin and shrimp, polenta and timbales, President McCardell talked about the ambitious plans he and the board have framed for Middlebury's third century. While there are exciting building projects on the horizon, McCardell stressed that "bricks and mortar can be at most an outward sign of the human presence, and the spirit that presence animates." He called the campaign a "journey that will carry us into a new century," and to a standing ovation he promised, "We're on our way."

Then, with that beautiful TV-anchor voice, Frank Sesno '77 ushered in a series of dramatized "Middlebury Moments," animated by Associate Professor of Theatre Richard Romagnoli with a group of student actors, and the Bobolinks went right for the heartstrings with the Beatles' "In My Life." Before the dancing began, the entire house joined 45 past and present D-8s in a rousing rendition of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane," glasses and cutlery clanking dangerously with each "rap rap rap."

"We are emotional about what this college stands for," McCardell had said, and the emotion was palpable in the room that night—the feelings of a shared moment, both in the past and the present, and the intimations of a bright future for what he called, "this bright jewel in the Green Mountains." ■ *RM*

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Fanning and Todd: Role Models

I enjoyed your article on the concert honoring Emory Fanning. As a member of the College Choir and as an organ student, I loved working with Doc, and was touched and permanently affected by working with him, by his deep passion for music, by the genuine joy he brought to performing. I have worked to emulate his ability to bring out these sides of himself until they have become a part of me.

Every time I was on campus, I always dropped by Mead Chapel to see if Doc was there. If he was practicing, I would pause at the door and listen awhile before going inside. He was always happy to see me, and I grew to look forward to these visits far out of proportion to their frequency and duration. Middlebury College will truly miss him.

No less will we miss another music professor who retired this year, George Todd. Mr. Todd brought the electronic music program literally from a broom closet to a modern, well-equipped studio. During my senior year, I was able to be among the first college students to work with the Synclavier, the most advanced synthesizer of the time. Always respectful of his students' ideas, Mr. Todd helped us broaden our vocabulary and learn to hear the music that is all around us all the time, and to discover new ways to communicate musically to others. Mr. Todd also provided valuable advice and support as I began to branch out from French teaching and join my own school's music program.

Between them, Dr. Fanning and Mr. Todd have played a vast role in defining my musical life—deep passion for music of all kinds, and a joy in performing. I am happy to have known them, and wish them the best in retirement.

Bill Ivey '81
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

Outstanding, Cover to Upside-down Cover

Thought the summer issue was outstanding. Thanks for letting all of us share through Guy Kettelhack's writing what must have been a truly inspiring musical farewell to Dr. Emory Fanning. Although not exactly enjoyable reading, Charles Smith's description of Guanlong Cao's life in China and your explanation of how he came to Middlebury were indeed interesting. Being a bird-watcher, your great reproductions of Nancy Howe's art led into Patricia Wright's article, which I did enjoy. And as a gardener, "Winter Greens" was read carefully. Printing the reports of reunions in a section separate from the usual class notes was noted and seems a logical step. The entire issue was read/scanned from front cover to back cover, and the latter prompts a question. Was the back cover photograph deliberately printed upside down as a test of how carefully your readers review *Middlebury Magazine?*

John S. Gale '43
Gloucester, Massachusetts

Ed.: Oops. Hats off to John Gale and Brent Seabrook '71 for catching us sleeping in the hay.

Thanks to GALA

I want to thank Bill Landry '74 for what he has done for me in his tenure as co-convenor for Midd/GALA. He knew how hard it is sometimes for a sexual and political

nonconformist to find a public voice. I have had problems communicating my lifestyle not only to straights, but to homosexuals.

Although in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, I have had some success in publishing what it has been like to combine an instinctive sexual nonconformity with the virtues of family values, the work ethic, concern for the common welfare, it has not always been easy to find an audience for direct communication of my work. He made it possible to find such an audience at Middlebury.

Lyle Glazier '33
Bread Loaf School of English, M.A. '37
Bennington, Vermont

Well Spouse Scoop

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Zane Kotker '56
Northampton, Massachusetts

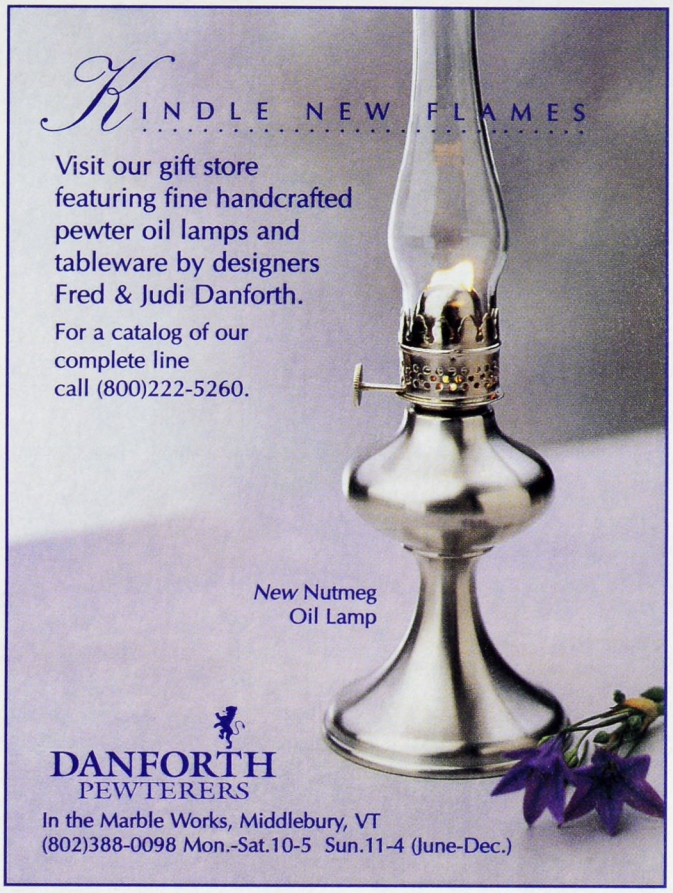
Life of Painting Built on Midd Foundation

I'm writing in regard to your article on Nancy Howe in the summer *Middlebury Magazine.* I was an art major at Middlebury at the same time Nancy was there (I graduated in 1971). I barely knew her, but I do remember that the skills and the approach to painting that she has now were in evidence then.

A major theme of the article is the utter inadequacy of Nancy's art education at Middlebury. My experience as an art student there was so at odds with hers that I'm moved to make a couple of comments.

First, the article lists composition, color theory, perspective, design, and art history as areas that were not taught at that time. Why do I remember all those subjects (with the exception, I will grant, of color theory) being dealt with directly and specifically in my design, painting, printmaking, and art history classes?

Second, the author of the piece, Patricia Wright, states that "in virtually any school (Nancy) would have attended, she'd have been a very frustrated young realist" due to what the article describes as the shortcomings of art teaching in general in that era. It's a puzzling statement in this case since the two studio art teachers at Middlebury then, David Bumbeck and Bruce Muirhead, were (and are) very talented and committed realist artists (Bruce may not have been there in Nancy's senior year). They had different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teaching styles, but they both placed great emphasis on learning how to look at what's in front of you in a disciplined way, and how to translate that discipline onto the page, or the canvas, or the etching plate. They also inspired me, and other students, with their commitment to their own work. They were by no means solemn, but they were certainly serious.

I suppose a two-person studio department at a small liberal arts college had limits, but my formal education stopped there, and I've made a life in painting built on that foundation.

"Her talents weren't very focused during her college years," but 14 years later, in the wake of a life change, Nancy says, "I just got voracious about acquiring this knowledge (of painting)." Maybe the problem was more with timing than with the art program.

John Winship '71
Biglerville, Pennsylvania

Animal Rights Activists Misguided and Narrow

Virginia Mead's opinion piece, "Why We Crusade for Animal Rights," [Summer '97] is misguided in several respects. As two Middlebury alumni who enjoy hunting upland game, we take issue with her portrayal of hunters and hunting, and more generally, her position on animal rights.

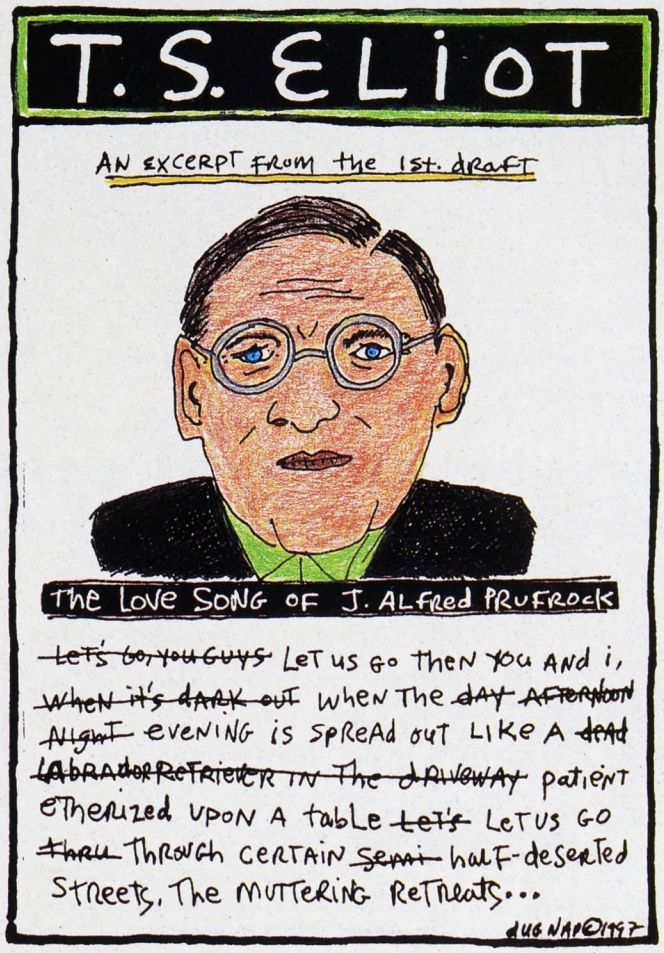
In her article, Ms. Mead calls the site of a bird shoot "killing fields." The use of this term is inflammatory and irresponsible, as such a term cannot be directed at an educated audience without conjuring up visions of Pol Pot's Cambodia. To make a comparison between a shoot and the real killing fields might only be considered ridiculous, if it was not so disrespectful and belittling to the victims of such slaughter. Unfortunately, this comparison is not just a bit of overzealous rhetoric on Ms. Mead's part. Rather, her position demands the equation of human and animal life. She writes, "In my vision, nonhuman animals have the same court-supported legal rights as human animals." For this reason, she aims at the legal prohibition of meat eating, hunting, and even medical experimentation on animals. Where does this lead? She draws no distinctions anywhere within the animal kingdom. *Do* we extend rights to worms? clams? paramecia? disease-causing bacteria? Why not extend such rights to plants? It is difficult to tell why primitive animals, flatworms, starfish, etc., deserve any more status than plants, which all respond to stimuli, however slowly. While this seems absurd, it is entirely within the bounds of Ms. Mead's ill-conceived vision. She writes, ". . . there are many kinds of intelligence, many

forms of souls, many ways to seek freedom and peace. *All* (italics added) creatures are endowed with the will to live. My vision includes respecting their desire to live . . ." free, it seems, from any ". . . human-induced death."

Ms. Mead fails to understand that life, human or not, is intractably tied with death. Many human activities, whether they involve walking across a lawn and inadvertently stepping on a bug, or eating a vegetable sandwich, directly or indirectly result in animal death. Even the vegetarian relies upon agricultural practices which disrupt animal habitat and cause animal death (and not as swift a death, it should be noted, as provided by a shotgun). While such a reality clearly does not justify any and all sorts of human practice towards animals, it clearly reveals that any move to extend certain rights to the entire animal kingdom would be either hopelessly unworkable or would cheapen our entire notion of what constitutes a right.

Rights, as wonderful as they are, present significant obstacles to what might otherwise be considered beneficial actions. It is with inviolable rights in mind that we justifiably protect the privacy of HIV positive individuals, in spite of the fact that doing otherwise would be a benefit to the public health. In the same vein, we release dangerous criminals who would have otherwise been convicted if their property has been unrightfully searched. In short, rights function as very inflexible constraints when considerations are made about the public good. How would the extension of rights to animals figure into the pattern of the examples mentioned above? Is anyone really prepared to weigh animal lives and rights (not just endangered animals) the same way that one weighs human lives and rights when making public or ethical decisions? At best, such a proactive position would be absurd, at worst, inhumane.

Aside from its merits, Ms. Mead's vision strikes us as the product of a particularly narrow and privileged worldview. We would be surprised to find many animal rights activists who are not insulated from the real and dire concerns that trouble the mass of humanity. If one is going to take up a 'crusade' (perhaps her choice of this term is illuminating in light of the misguided, culturally insensitive, and arrogant spirit which gave rise to the Crusades), one's time might be better spent bringing dignity to the billions of impoverished and disenfranchised human beings on the planet instead of protesting a bird shoot. Ms. Mead, and animal rights activists in general, are insensitive to the meaning and practice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Israel and Italy. They look alike. Their names sound familiar. Coincidence? I think not. It's an Italian shabat! Simcha Torah Service at 5:15 at Freeman Jewish Center.

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of hunting. Hunting is not about slaughter, nor are the majority of hunts conducted in the fashion of the 'canned hunt' she portrays. Hunted animals are deeply respected across modern and aboriginal hunting traditions. Hunting involves a ritualistic and spiritual engagement (although most hunters might shy away from such language) with the ebb and flow of the seasons, with the cycles of life, with the recycling of death. In this light, hunting can be seen as entirely within the 'spirit of life' about which Ms. Mead would have us believe otherwise, hunting is not about domination of nature. In fact, hunters are responsible for the conservation of millions of acres of natural habitat. We hope that open-minded readers were not mislead by Ms. Mead's portrayal of hunting or her quixotic vision of animal rights.

John Sinclair '62
Springfield, Vermont
Peter Swallow '65
Farmington, Maine

Animal Rights *v.* Rights of the Unborn

I wonder whether the spouse of a Middlebury graduate might be able to add a word concerning the interesting column on animal rights in your summer issue ("Why We Crusade for Animal Rights" by Virginia Mead)? Doubtless very many of your readers will agree with the author's arguments, and I myself find much in her article that I can enthusiastically endorse. My only question is whether her vision of "all animals, nonhuman and human" living free from "harassment, captivity, experimentation, torture, and slaughter" would extend to the unborn of the human species. Just as few would sanction the killing of unborn whales or dolphins, it seems at least equally difficult to justify the killing of unborn human babies. As the writer says, "All creatures are endowed with the will to live." Is this somehow not true for our own unborn?

Thomas Storck
Greenbelt, Maryland

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Campaign Kickoff

On October 25, 1997, Middlebury College launched the most ambitious fund-raising campaign in its history: $200 million by the year 2001. Over 700 Middlebury alumni, faculty, staff, and students celebrated the occasion at a gala event on this day.

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Campaign Kickoff

President John M. McCardell, Jr., with former president James I. Armstrong. "No one has done more to lead us to this point than John McCardell," said Claire Gargalli.

(*Clockwise from above*) BOB YOUNGMAN '64, co-chair of the Bicentennial Campaign, was described as "fearless and unstoppable." CLAIRE WATERHOUSE GARGALLI '64, the first woman chair of the Board of Trustees, promised "more wonderful evenings like this as the Bicentennial unfolds." There were only a few dry eyes left in the house when trustee FRANK SESNO '77, who moderated the evening's entertainment, concluded his presentation. PAT JUDAH PALMER '57, co-chair of the Bicentennial Campaign, has been nothing short of inspirational.

The Launch

It's official: the College's trustees announced during Homecoming '97 that the Bicentennial Campaign seeks $200 million to support Middlebury's distinctive brand of liberal arts education. The campaign launch on October 25, 1997, shared Middlebury's vision of itself through its 200-year history and as the College of the Future. As President John McCardell said at the gala launch dinner, quoting William Wordsworth's "Prelude," "What we have loved others will love, and we will teach them how."

Extremely generous donors have already committed to $84 million for Middlebury, 42 percent of the total campaign goal. This includes three extraordinary gifts from trustees of $5 million each, from Betty Ashbury Jones and David Jones, Louis Marx, Jr., and a third anonymous donor.

This story has hit the road to 14 cities, where campaign kickoffs will talk about the College's plans. Those events and many other communications will ask each member of the extended College family to participate in this major commitment to Middlebury's future.

The campaign will solicit gifts to undergird and improve all areas of the College's mission. As it pays special attention to peak areas of past and emerging strength—literary study, language study and pedagogy,

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"Twenty-four hours ago this was a gym," a wonder-struck guest commented to her partner about the miraculous transformation of Pepin Gymnasium into an elegant ballroom, where over 700 alumni, faculty, staff, and students celebrated the launch of Middlebury's most ambitious fund-raising campaign in festive splendor. Another guest commented, "It's incredible what the Facilities Management and Midd Dining Services staffs have accomplished."

Student actors dramatized real Middlebury Moments (*above*) in the personal histories of students throughout the College's history (directed by Richard Romagnoli, associate professor of theatre). The Bobolinks provided a smooth segue into the music portion of the evening with their beautiful version of the Beatles' "In My Life." Then five groups of Dissipated Eight (*below left*) from different eras entertained the audience with some mellow a capella. The current D-8s stole the show with "Oxygen," combined with "Send Me on My Way," a song from their award-winning compact disk, *Clapping Joes.*

international study, environmental study and awareness, and liberal arts lessons applied off campus—so, too, it will nurture all the fields of this fertile academic ground, enabling new peaks to arise. Gifts to the general endowment and to other funds for specific purposes will provide for student financial aid and 30 new faculty positions to deepen academic offerings. Meanwhile, the College will continue to seek grants for research projects and yearly gifts through annual giving for ongoing operating expenses.

The Bicentennial Campus Plan will also evolve in support of Middlebury's educational values. Among many projects desired, initial priorities go to the sciences, which will find a new home at Bicentennial Hall; Egbert Starr Library, which will be expanded and renovated; residential life, which will gain improved facilities for living, dining, and socializing; and further progress on the athletics master plan, beginning with a new ice rink.

Whereas many in higher education concede "the future isn't what it used to be," at Middlebury the future has never looked brighter. With the help of all of its alumni, parents, and friends, Middlebury will continue in its third century to fulfill its potential and to find its true identity as the College of the Future—which is exactly what this special place has been since its founding in 1800.

Campaign Kickoff

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS President McCardell with (from left) ANN BATTELLE '89, ranked first in the U.S. in freestyle skiing, who will compete in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Japan; ROBERT J. NORTH '66, a dental surgeon specializing in pediatric services, who is also director of the Harbor for Boys and Girls, a nonprofit educational institution in East Harlem; RICK DOUGLAS '65, director of the Disability Initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, who is an advocate for disability rights; and JOHN TINKER '81, executive producer of "Chicago Hope" and other television dramas, who is an Emmy Award-winning writer and producer.

Breaking Ground for Bicentennial Hall

Wearing a hard hat instead of a mortarboard and carrying a shovel instead of Gamaliel Painter's cane, President McCardell dug deep at the official ground breaking for Bicentennial Hall. This future interdisciplinary home for the sciences is the largest capital project associated with the Bicentennial Campaign and the most significant academic building to rise on the Middlebury campus until well into the next century. On hand to celebrate were Claire Gargalli, chair of the Board of Trustees, joined by representatives of the town—Betty Wheeler, town manager, and John Tenny, chair of the Select Board—along with architects from Payette Associates, contractors from Barr and Barr, faculty members from the six departments to be housed in the building, students who are budding researchers, alumni who are excited and a little envious, seeds hoping to become plants, cells hoping to grow, and light beams from stars wanting to be discovered. (*Pictured above*: Trustee Bill Kieffer '64; Executive Vice President and Treasurer Dave Ginevan; President John M. McCardell, Jr.; Trustee Milt Peterson '58; and Executive Vice President and Provost Ron Liebowitz)

The Panther Presides

A PIECE OF THE ROCK Talk about setting one's feet on lofty places. From certain vantage points this panther is fairly bounding into the clouds.

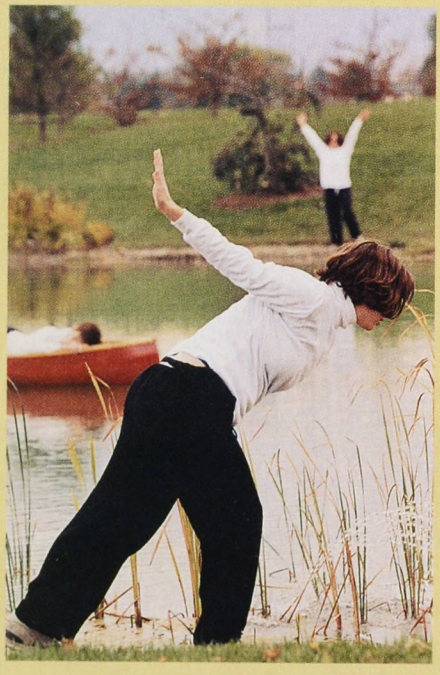
What could possibly beat the rock? It arrived via truck from the Mendon quarry —a 97-ton hunk of granitic gneiss that immediately impressed everyone with its heroic profile and awesome stature. But the rock was only the base of what proved to be an even bigger crowd-pleaser—a 650-pound bronze sculpture of a panther given to the College by Phillip and Susan Morse, parents of Midd alum Shelley Morse '95, a top tennis player. The Morses had commissioned the sculpture from Lorenzo Ghiglieri, an internationally known artist.

Photographs by Bob Handelman

Art, Art Everywhere

As government support for the arts fades, Middlebury has committed itself to ensuring that the role of the arts at the College remains vibrant, that the questioning and stretching they inspire remain part of liberal arts education. Put into practice, this means art in public places, very evident during the weekend's activities.

Two-Way Mirror Curved Hedge Zig-Zag Labyrinth, a sculpture by Dan Graham in the plaza behind the arts center (see back cover), was dedicated with gusto. Dick Forsman, who teaches applied music, and two of his jazz students created and presented "Centerpiece" in its honor, demonstrating the acoustic possibilities of the pavilion. Dancers (current students and recent alumni) performed in their theatre, then took their movement to the land, dancing beside a pond with the Green Mountains as their backdrop. The Middlebury College Orchestra, with Alexander Zwerdling '00 as concertmaster, was joined by Meredith Parsons McComb '75, known for her roles at the Met, for performances of Mahler and Beethoven.



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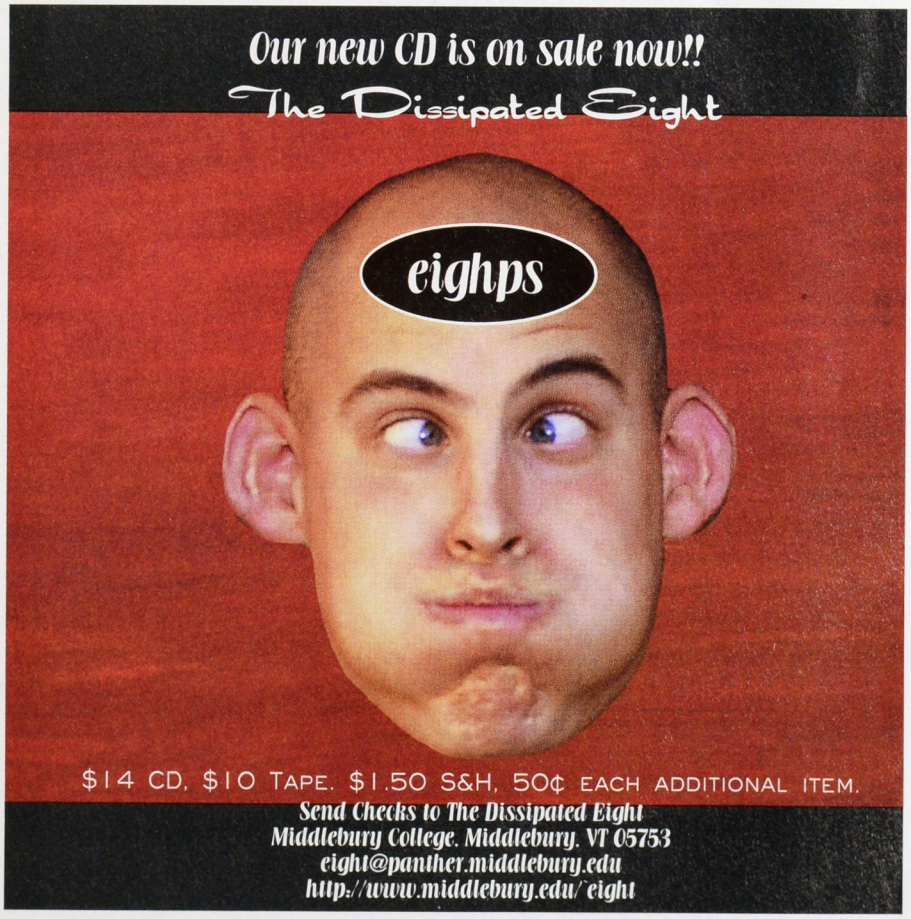
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CURMUDGEON

Environmental Impact

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the greenest of us all?

By Noel Perrin

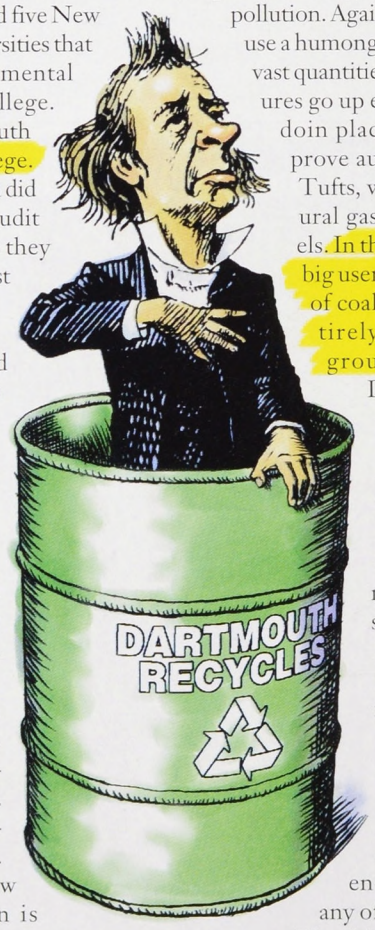
THOSE INDEFATIGABLE students in Environmental Studies 50 are at it again. The five juniors and five seniors who took the course last spring had to pick a class project. They decided on something sure to cause hurt feelings at some colleges and perhaps excessive smugness at others. Comparisons, as we all know, are odious. They spent the entire term comparing environmentalists.

As a first step they picked five New England colleges and universities that have outstanding environmental reputations. Bowdoin College. Brown University. Dartmouth College. Middlebury College. Tufts University. They then did a ten-part environmental audit of each school. Ten times they ranked each school, from best to worst. Finally, they combined scores, as you might at a track meet, and produced general rankings: Top School in Study, Bottom School in Study, etc.

So who won? Who lost? I'm not going to tell you yet, and it would be really rotten to skip ahead and find out. Don't you believe in suspense? You need to hear a little about the audit first.

The first thing our students judged was the quality of environmental education at each school. Quite right, too. Education is what we're here for. Brown adopted a proud new motto in 1990: "Brown is Green." Only semi-green, our students concluded. In quality of environmental education they put Brown at the very bottom, chiefly because they thought its program was understaffed. Bowdoin ranked fourth, Tufts third. As for Dartmouth and Middlebury: good news. We tied for first. As well we might. They have people like John Elder. We have people like Donella Meadows.

The second category our students judged was energy use, with its attendant pollution. Again, quite right. Colleges use a humongous amount of energy, vast quantities of fossil fuel. The figures go up every year. Here Bowdoin placed last—didn't even prove auditable. Fourth came Tufts, which uses mainly natural gas, cleanest of fossil fuels. In third place Middlebury, big user of oil, former big user of coal, which it gave up entirely on environmental grounds. Second place: Dartmouth—even though we buy a lot of power that is 40 percent generated by coal-fired plants. The College's excellent energy management program more than made up, the students felt. Credit Mike Getter, Phil Chaput, Bill Hochstin, and many another in Facilities Operation. And the winner: Brown. We are efficient, but Brown is more efficient. It has the lowest energy use per capita of any of the five schools.



The third category is what the students call politics—by which they mean what effect, if any, each college has on the world beyond its campus, and also how much new awareness is created on the campus itself. Middlebury, with its energy council and its full-time environmental coordinator, comes first. Dartmouth, I'm sorry to say, placed fourth.

Don't worry, I'm not going to go through all ten categories. Just one more, which is solid waste management. Here all sorts of things come up. Toner cartridges—those things that feed chemicals into copy machines—for example. Tufts has a copy center. "The center does not recycle its toner cartridges; they are simply thrown away in the building." Dartmouth, on the other hand, put in a lot of effort. "Four years of research have gone into testing a variety of recycled cartridges before a highly satisfactory brand produced locally in New Hampshire was chosen." But Middlebury, as is so often the case in this report, emerges the clear winner, while we are only third. That's primarily because of our low diversion rate from landfills via recycling. Mind you, we don't do badly. We divert 30 percent of the College's waste stream, which is a lot better than Bowdoin's feeble 15.6 percent or Brown's nicetry 23 percent. But when you see that Middlebury diverts 64 percent, it's not hard to figure why they win.

Enough. It's time to get to the final rankings. Number Five is... Bowdoin, with only 36 points. In fourth place comes partly green Brown: 48 points. Third, Tufts: 54 points. Now a big jump to second place. Dartmouth: 69 points. Finally, the clear winner, Middlebury: 89 points. At least we are No. 2. That's no bad place to be, especially if it should make us want to try harder.

I have to add one more thing. Not every proposal in the report convinces me. I think the students are being wildly unrealistic, for example, when they suggest that all five colleges deliberately reduce the number of parking places on campus so as to discourage people from driving to work. Seems that would be like reducing the proportion of A's that teachers give so as to discourage students from working for grades. But most of the students' ideas seem sound, and *all* their facts are interesting. How I'd love to see a similar report that included Harvard and Yale and the University of Massachusetts and Ohio State and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Where can we find a giant mirror? ■

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Time to reinvigorate your research skills . . . Please tap, tap, tap on your brain to come up with a rather *un*common appellation an early, major Middlebury benefactor has *in* common with a former U.S. president. Identify both men and win a flat gold tree ornament depicting Mead Chapel. Send your answer, please, to Eggheads, *Middlebury Magazine,* Hathaway House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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Remember these contributors to your Middlebury education? Lots of you did. The winning entry (chosen by a political science/psychology major from a hatful of correct entries) was Catharine Ann Nevin Chu, M.A. French '55. Thanks to all of you who demonstrate your intelligence by finding the answers and by reading this magazine.

What also became evident is that a Midd mug is a major motivator. In addition to passing this tip on to the faculty, we're passing on the College store's phone number to you: (802) 443-5334. The holidays are coming and the store has a lot of Midd memorabilia. What could be finer? ■

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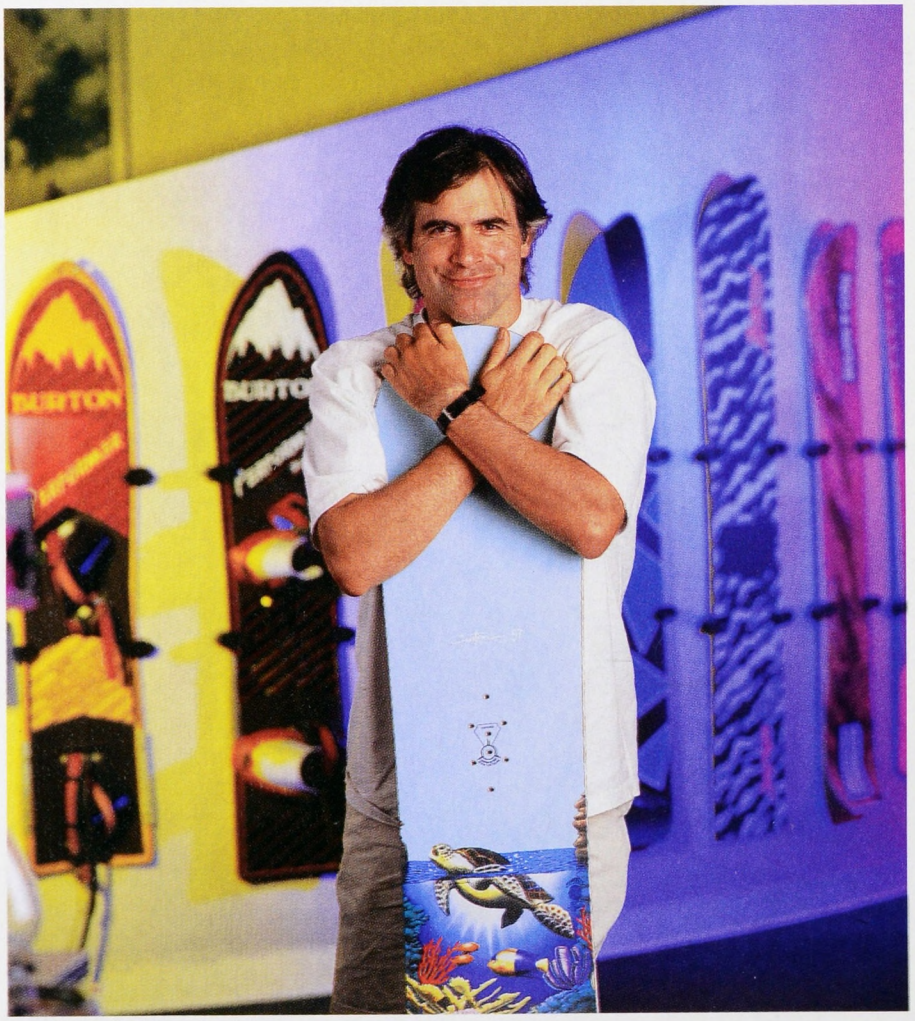
The Essential Board

As Euro Disney has perhaps shown, some American concepts translate better than others. Bringing a uniquely American idea to another country means more than just setting up shop. As Jake Burton Carpenter, founder and owner of Burton Snowboards learned, it pays to speak the language—in more ways than one. Snowboarding, which could be likened to a combination of skiing, surfing, and skateboarding, is on a fast ascent from fringe sport to popular pastime, earning its place as a medal event in the half pipe and the Giant Slalom at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. Burton Snowboards is the world's leading manufacturer of the sport's essential equipment: snowboards, bindings, boots, and snowboard clothing. Begun in 1977 and headquartered in Burlington, Vermont, Burton Snowboards now does business in 27 countries, with two marketing and operational offices, Burton Sportartikel in Innsbruck, Austria, and Burton Japan in Urawa, Japan.

In the mid 1980s, Burton Snowboards was ready to pursue snowboard production in Austria. After an initial attempt to communicate with his Austrian contact, an older man who spoke no English, Jake Burton Carpenter realized it was time to start studying. He and his wife Donna Carpenter enrolled in Middlebury's German School in 1985 for six weeks of intense German study, with no English spoken. "What was I going to do? I had a company to run. I had my fingers crossed," he admits. After his successful course completion, Burton Carpenter then spent most of the next three years in Europe, using his German, and European ski production techniques, to successfully manufacture and market snowboards.

Today, snowboarding's European popularity is fast approaching the U.S. level. Burton Carpenter credits much of his initial success in Austria to his language skills. "In the European market, on the business level, it completely distinguishes you from other Americans when you speak another language. We're often depicted as ugly Americans—and we probably are. When you make the effort to speak German, to understand a country's culture and language and not just try to sell them something, you're treated entirely differently."

Understanding the market on a cultural level means Burton Carpenter can take a more sensitive approach to its European customers. "In America," Burton Carpenter says, "snowboarding caught on in part due to skateboarders and surfers. In Europe, with their Alpine history, snowboarding has a different appeal." Snowboarder culture, here aggressively youthful, is different as well. "It's an older crowd that's ahead over there. In Europe, adults try things first, and then kids catch on. Here it's the other way around." A lesson Euro Disney might take to heart. ■



Jake Burton Carpenter

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ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH '65,
Chief Correspondent and
Substitute Anchor,
"The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer"

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WHAT I'M REALLY NOTICING IN this job I'm doing right now is how much I rely on the broad, rigorous education I got at Middlebury. Since I've been substitute anchoring I have to cover so many things. Every day I cover another subject, something I've never even thought about. I can't tell you how well Middlebury educated us in that period, how well-rounded our education was. I'm so grateful for it. I can't tell you how many times I thank my education."

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Front and Center

Joan Marcus

Les Misérables, recast and reinvigorated, is again thrilling audiences on Broadway, partly due to the work of actress **Juliet Lambert '86,** playing the role of Fantine. Lambert has also been seen and heard on Broadway and on tour in such shows as *Meet Me in St. Louis, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Promises, Promises, Into the Woods, Elmer Gantry,* and many others.

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The **Geonomics Institute**, now formally part of the College, sponsored a business and career forum in Moscow during that city's 850th birthday celebration. President McCardell, the U.S. ambassador to Russia, and many other business, governmental, and academic leaders, including many Midd alums working in Russia, all attended.

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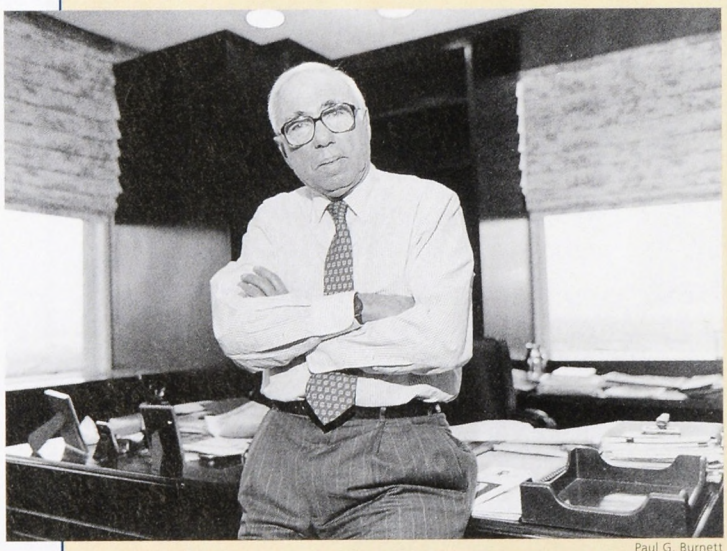

Paul G. Burnett

Felix Rohatyn '49 was sworn in last summer as the new U.S. ambassador to France. He is a former senior partner and managing director of the New York investment banking firm Lazard Freres & Co., which he joined in 1948 as a trainee.

An ECAC Award of Valor went to **Mia DeMattei '97,** a three-time All-American skier, who, after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in October 1996, underwent surgery and chemotherapy, then battled back to qualify for the NCAA championships two months later. "Mia is an amazingly tough kid," said her coach Mark Smith. Her cancer in remission, DeMattei is now teaching in Colorado.

J.D. Quackenbos

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After winning two NCAA national championships (women's lacrosse, men's hockey) and four ECAC regional titles (women's ice hockey, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, women's basketball), Middlebury has been named winner of the **Josten's/ECAC Institutional Award.** Chosen from among 290 schools, Midd was named the college that "best exemplifies the highest standards of academics and athletics." Last year's winner was Princeton.

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New York City Opera is presenting of Gluck's *Iphigenie en Tauride* (a Glimmerglass Opera production). The music has been lauded. So have the unexpectedly buff bods of some of the opera singers. One of those young men in loincloths is tenor **William Burden '86**, who, in addition to vocalizing, had to go to the gym and "buff up" every day as part of his training for the role.

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A screenplay by **Suzanne Griffin '82** has won the 1997 Beigel Screenplay Award, sponsored by the Independent Feature Project, the Writers Guild of America, and the Beigel Entertainment Corp. The award carries with it a $5,000 prize. ■

The Sounds of Musik

Here's an unlikely story about how a small program in just one summer inspired an entire school and touched the community from Middlebury to Stowe.

The German School, which introduced the concept of language immersion as the first of the College's eight Language Schools in 1915, launched a seven-week German for Singers program in June 1997 under the direction of Brenda Smith. The program integrated German language, literature, and culture with music history, vocal pedagogy, and performance.

"The singers electrified the entire school," recalls Karl Obrath, the associate director of the German School. "The singers' program just snowballed and soon everyone was talking about it. The program energized our school, it energized our choir, and I could even see it generating excitement in the other schools."

The singers were invited one glorious summer evening to perform for Maria von Trapp and guests at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, and two weeks later von Trapp (the third oldest child of *Sound of Music* fame) was the guest of honor at the Deutsch Für Sänger Konzert at the Center for the Arts.

"In German, you don't 'study' a language, you 'learn' it," Karl Obrath explains, "because language learning is viewed as a very systematic thing. And when you think about it, learning grammar is like learning the scales in music; they both take discipline. In that way language learning is a lot like learning to play music." So it was fitting that when the oldest of the Language Schools diversified its offerings, it turned to music and found success. No surprise here: the German for Singers program will be back in 1998. ■

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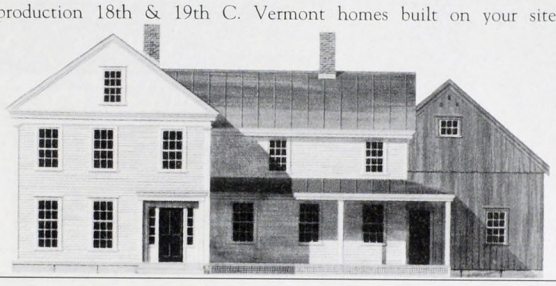

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

By John M. McCardell, Jr.

ROUNDING OUT THE MIDDLEBURY RANGE

(This issue's column provides a slightly condensed version of my remarks to those gathered at Alumni Leadership Conference, held at Bread Loaf in September.)

I have two intersecting themes to address: opportunity and change. First, opportunity.

By any objective standard of measurement, our college has never been stronger: we have a longer line at the Admissions Office than this college has ever had—more than 4,700 applications for admission to the Class of 2001; we have a stronger faculty than we've ever had; we have facilities of remarkable quality and range.

We also have a strategic plan, which is guiding our decisions, shaping and directing our future. That plan, as you probably already well know, defines "peaks of excellence," which build on our traditional strengths, as well as carefully chosen emerging strengths: language; literature; international study; environmental study with a strong science emphasis; and opportunities for students to apply what they have done in the classroom to real world situations, preparing them for six or seven jobs, as the indicators tell us their career patterns will be. All of the peaks are based upon a commitment to general excellence in the liberal arts. We are preparing our students for a climate of change.

Our resources are considerable, our endowment has grown, our financial condition could not be healthier. We need to be sure that our future is secured financially, and we need to be certain that our resources continue to grow. And so our strategic plan also charts a financial course, looking toward how we balance those various sources of income with the competing level of expenditure.

For all of these reasons then, opportunity knocks. We all know that it is precisely at such moments, when it would seem that things could never be better, that we want to say it's perfect the way it is. That's a natural human instinct. Yet we need to remind ourselves that the history of this country is replete with examples of those entities, institutions, and organizations which took that position, became much too satisfied with how things were, and found themselves too late learning the lesson that to stand still is, in fact, to fall behind. That is why the opportunity that presents itself by the many strengths I've just described is one that we need to seize. To borrow an expression from James Madison, who I think got it right in the preamble to the Constitution, we want to create not a different union—not take something that was wrong and make it right—but to create something better, to create an institution in accord with Madison's idea of a "more perfect union." That is the implication of all that will follow in these remarks, and of all that will follow in the life of this institution in the next few years.

This is why I speak of change, not simply because this is the time and the moment to consider change, but because change has been a constant in the history of this institution for almost 200 years. Indeed, if at any point in our 200 years the trustees or the faculty or the students or the alumni had said, "Let's keep it exactly the way it is today," where would we be today, and what would we be thinking? Suppose this were still the College of 1897. Or 1927. Or 1947. Or 1977. For all of the good things that might have been retained, we would be a lesser place, and in our heart of hearts, we know that. Change has been a constant.

Alongside that constant theme of change, we have also witnessed indisputably a growth in the strength and stature of this institution. That has happened because we have tried over many years to make ourselves a better and truer and stronger version of ourselves.

Change in enrollment has been one of the constants. I suspect that just within this room there are graduates of a Middlebury that may have been as small as six or seven hundred students and as large as 2,150. Each time the College has chosen to grow, it has realized that it was taking risks. But it has also recognized that the benefits and the rewards far outweigh those risks. Your presence here and your success in life are all the evidence we should need of the rightness of those decisions to grow.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

One significant question has remained unanswered, however: whether student life—broadly defined in terms of its residential, dining, and social components—should also be a peak of excellence at Middlebury College. Now what does that question mean, and why is it worth raising?

The truth is, from one school to another within our competitive group, most students live in discrete housing units, whether they're large or small; and they eat in large, institutional, more often than not centralized dining facilities with an emphasis on efficiency. Most students move freely through a residential system from year to year and prize that freedom for its own sake rather than thinking about the educational implications of moving from one place to the next. A community of sorts is created, but then it is dissolved and reconstituted from year to year as students move.

These institutions, including Middlebury, seek to draw students to them by emphasizing the size and scale of the enterprise. We talk about our smallness to a student applicant pool 90 percent or more of which now attend high schools that are *smaller* than Middlebury College. When they come to Middlebury, they discover an institution that for a very long time has been more complex, and much larger, than anything they have experienced before in their lives. Most of our students navigate it perfectly well and quite successfully, but I believe we can do better.

We tell these students, "You're a name, not a number," and yet when the time comes to do the two most important things a student does in the course of a year or a career in college—pick a room or register for a course—we give them a number. And it matters if you're number 1 or 300 or 500. I believe we can do better.

As all the New England colleges have grown—to pretty much the same size—we have all assumed that the best way to cope with growth is to continue to operate in every respect as a single entity. When this college went from 1,200 to 1,800 (from the late sixties to the mid seventies), faculty jobs were created. I'm here because of that. Many of you were here because of that. (Pretty hard for us to talk down growth.) Whether consciously or unconsciously, the College expanded in every respect by 50 percent: 50 percent more centralized student deans, 50 percent more dining space, 50 percent more beds, 50 percent more of everything that we were doing.

What we are contemplating now, as we consider making student life a peak, then, is *prompted* by growth, but is not *dependent* upon growth. The kinds of things we are envisioning in student life would be equally preferable, in my judgment, for the institution of today—the institution of 2,000 students—as they will be for the institution of 2,350. But an additional opportunity to reconsider these arrangements is presented to us now because we have decided to grow. And before we build facilities and hire deans and recruit faculty, we need to ask some pretty serious questions about the nature of the student social, residential, and dining experience.

Why do we do that? Because at Middlebury, as we all know, education is, in fact, an experience. And while a significant part of that experience takes place in the classroom, in the office, and in the laboratory, education is much more broadly defined at such places as ours. Every encounter is or ought to be an opportunity to educate, and many encounters take place outside the classroom—in the residence hall, in the dining hall, on the playing field, in the library, and in chance encounters across campus.

As we think of these things, we revisit the issue of size and scale, and we're prompted to wonder whether it's fair, never mind possible, for any number of student deans working in a central office ever to know well 2,350 students, whether it is possible for faculty to know well 2,350 students, whether it is possible to feed in a space that is conducive to lingering and learning 2,350 students under one roof.

And as we ask those questions, we're drawn to another model. In some sense this model represents a return to the College many of you attended, and it contains elements of the College all of you attended: a College of continuing residential units and of decentralized dining; a College that creates frequent and multiple opportunities for the intersection of the academic, social, residential, dining, and athletic aspects of our students' lives.

It is time to consider a system that looks at clusters of student housing as neighborhoods; places dining at the center of how the students live and what they do; makes encounters with faculty natural and frequent; gives students many more opportunities for leadership by turning over to them within these respective student neighborhoods much more authority over how they live, how they work, what rules they govern themselves by. I believe that it's time for students to have much more say in all of those things, and, if we trust them to live lives of responsibility and accountability once they turn 22, we had better start preparing them to lead those lives here.

All of this and more is what I believe the Board of Trustees had in mind in passing the resolution it passed yesterday. "The Board of

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My Tête-à-Tête with Madame Astor

By Carl Little

Ten years after receiving a master's in French from Middlebury College, as I find myself well along in life, that degree continues to haunt me. Three summers of study, plus a year in Paris, to achieve fluency in *la belle langue*—to what end?

Oh, it's true, I've put the French to some good use. Since graduating, I have taught an adult ed class and published some translations, including a group of children's poems by the French surrealist Robert Desnos. I also translated the descriptions of bookbindings for an exhibition at the Grolier Club in New York City and used my language skills in cataloguing the largest private collection of books illustrated by *pochoir*—that's French for stencil.

My *français* has also come in handy here and there to speak with foreign visitors, a pair of fluent nieces, and a writer for *Côte Ouest* (a flashy French magazine) who interviewed me for an article about Edward Hopper. But it was with increasing reluctance that I ventured to reveal my prowess, as I could feel the rust growing on my fluency, and I feared being caught with my *pantalons sur la terre*.

What was the degree truly good for? Was it worth the student loan, finally paid off a few years back? Is it something that rightfully belongs on my resume? Yes, if I can add to the curriculum vitae the category "tête-à-têtes." With Madame Brooke Astor, no less.

This is how it came about. A friend of mine here on Mount Desert Island, Maine, in conversation with Mrs. Astor, learned that the doyenne of all society—*tout le monde*, for that matter—was in need of a French tutor. In truth, she simply wanted to brush up on the language and thought a little conversation would do the trick.

Aside: Did I tell you that Mrs. Astor is in her nineties? She is petite, vibrant, so alive in the mind she puts the most energetic of youth to shame.

Anyway, this friend suggested to Mrs. Astor that she give me a ring. "Mr. Little has a master's in French; I believe he'd be delighted to assist you," was probably not the way he phrased it, but in any case I was proffered as a likely candidate, and the recommendation was accepted and, as this tale relates, acted upon.

Mrs. Astor and I played phone tag for a while. It was July on Mount Desert Island, and although it was one of the wettest in memory, dampening the usual hectic course of social events, we had different schedules. By the time we connected, August was just around the corner.

On a sunny Maine morning I drove over to Northeast Harbor to her house, "Cove End," for our 9:00 a.m.

Illustration by Steve Brodner

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rendez-vous. Like a security blanket, I hefted my *Le Robert & Collins*—the best of the French-English/English-French dictionaries—in case vocabulary failed me or we needed to look up something or other. It was my way of fending off that aforementioned fear of rusty French.

Ushered in by a maid, I was told Mrs. Astor was just finishing her bath and would be down in a few minutes. Would I like some coffee? Sure, said I, and was shown into the sitting room. In no time flat, a gentleman entered with a pitcher of coffee on a tray and served me a cup.

In 10 minutes or so, Mrs. Astor herself appeared in the room, gracious, natural—even, I dare say it, happy to have me there. We exchanged a few words of greeting, then she cut to the chase. She wanted to brush up on her French, which she had learned in her younger years, and was considering a trip to Paris, where her skills in the language would be tested. She also mentioned that one of her maids, a French-born woman, never spoke to her in her native tongue. She hoped to break down this barrier.

"How shall we do this?" Mrs. Astor asked, referring to the lesson. I suggested that we simply speak to one another in French, that I would ask questions that might provoke conversation. I needn't have worried about that: over the next half hour or so Madame Astor conversed brilliantly, in a French that was more than passable, and which often made my own grasp of the language seem even more ragtag than it actually was. She had an excellent range of vocabulary, although from time to time I consulted the dictionary, and she could describe people and places with vividness.

I did ask her questions: "Vous êtes toujours occupée de la Bibliothèque Publique de New York?" or "J'ai entendu ce matin que Dorothy Lamour est morte. Est-ce que vous l'avez connue?" But these inquiries were mere distractions, and after a while I geared my queries to her line of thought.

Toward the end of our tête-à-tête, I mentioned that I had read and admired a short poem of hers titled "Maine," which had appeared in a recent issue of *The New Yorker.* Mrs. Astor beamed.

Before I left, she invited me upstairs to see a book of her poetry. We sat in a small room and she asked if I would like to hear one of her poems. I said yes, and she proceeded to recite "Discipline." It was a lovely moment: she read the sonnet-length verse with great clarity and feeling; the rhymes, the conceits, seemed so genuine, albeit marked by sentiments that many would find foreign in today's frequently thoughtless and harsh world. She had the heart of a poet.

I fairly floated out the front door, climbed into my rather under-the-weather red Subaru station wagon and sped out of the driveway, whistling, already contemplating my next visit.

But with the arrival of fair August weather, my hopes were dashed. Upon arriving for what would have been our second lesson, I was greeted by the manservant in the drive and was told that Mrs. Astor had unexpected guests, that she wasn't feeling well, and that she regretted she could not see me. I handed him a French magazine and a book of Marguerite Yourcenar's translations of the poems of Hortense Flexner, who had summered on nearby Sutton's Island. I asked that he give these items to Mrs. Astor and express my regrets and my hopes that she would be feeling better soon.

A day later, a letter arrived from Mrs. Astor. "I am so sorry that we will not be able to have our French talks," she wrote me, in a note typed on pale blue stationary with her Park Avenue address embossed at the top. She thanked me for dropping off the magazine and book—"I think they would be great fun to read," she noted—and then, in a postscript, explained, "I have so many guests—and I really do not feel well!" I read this as a very nice way of her trying to reassure her correspondent that it wasn't his poor performance *en français* that had caused her to cancel the tête-à-têtes.

I confess I felt bereft—not the sadness of a spurned lover, mind you, although at one point in our conversation that wild and crazy thought had streaked across my mind as our French caught a flow and like characters from Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain* we conversed like confidants. No, what I felt was a sense of downheartedness at being disconnected from this woman who radiated such flawless *savoir faire.*

Thought I, how can I win her back? Then a brilliant thought came to me: I would attempt to translate her poem about Maine into French!

The poem is short, but packed full of imagery. Here it is, in English:

Maine

With clumsy strength the seal climbs
on the rock
then lies on its back waiting for the
tide to cover it.
Is it a discipline that keeps it on the
narrow ledge
or is it anticipation of voluptuous
delight?

I worked off and on for a week or so, referring at first to the dictionary to make sure of words and genders, then relying on my instincts to shape the final version. At last satisfied I had produced a fair semblance of the poem in French, I sent it off to Madame Astor with a note.

My translation:

Le Maine

Le phoque monte la roche d'une
vigueur inélégante
Et puis s'allonge au dos en attendant
la marée de le couvrir.
C'est la discipline qui le fait rester sur
le récif étroit
Ou l'attente de délice voluptueux?

It was some time before I received a response, but, oh, it was worth the wait. Again, a pale blue envelope appeared in my mailbox, and again I carefully unsealed its contents. "I absolutely love your translation of my Seal poem," Madame Astor wrote. "I will have it engraved in my mind forever." As if this weren't glory enough, in mid-paragraph she shifted into French. "C'est beaucoup mieux en français qu'en anglais. Merci infinément!" And then, mercy me, there was the salutation, writ in dark blue ink: "Votre chere amie, Brooke A."

We got together one more time that summer, in September on the eve of her return to New York City. I had called to ask if Madame Astor would sign a copy of one of her books for my daughter Emily, and she warmly agreed.

It was a spanking beautiful Maine morning. Again I was ushered into the front hallway and asked to wait. Mrs. Astor came down soon after and invited me to sit out on the patio and talk. We sat at a table in a corner and began to converse—in English this time, as her departure for the city was imminent.

My wife loves this part of the story: I was seated in such a way that I faced directly into a blinding late morning sun. The thoughtful Mrs. Astor, with her back to the light, quickly offered me her sunglasses and I accepted without hesitation. Suddenly I found perched upon my nose a pair of woman's shades, tinted and quite large. For the rest of our final tête-à-tête, I sported these huge glasses, thinking that even Marcello Mastroianni wouldn't have been caught dead with such eyewear!

Again, Mrs. Astor carried on her side of the conversation with poise and perfection. She asked after my 11-year-old daughter, Emily, whom I had told her was planning to go to Argentina in December as a member of the Maine delegation to a Children's International Summer Village in Buenos Aires. "I was that age when this photograph was taken of me," she explained, drawing my attention to the cover of the book I had brought along for her to sign.

We covered a lot of ground in those 15 minutes, but I recall only snippets. I was, in a manner of speaking, mesmerized by her, in a state of fascination that did not allow mental notes to be jotted down. I do remember that we spoke of my work at College of the Atlantic and that she complemented me once again on the translation of her poem.

And then it was a casual stroll back into the house. Before I left, she called upstairs for her lady-in-waiting, the one she wished so fervently would speak to her in French. Was this one last test of my skills?

If it was, I failed miserably. The woman appeared and we exchanged a few words; I practically stuttered trying to match her impeccable French.

Yet Madame Astor would not allow anything awkward to last too long. She was gracious and quickly rescued me from the torture. She explained that there were still many things to attend to before she could leave for New York, and so she would have to say *au revoir*. She encouraged me to get in touch with her if ever I came to the city, and I promised her that I would. We shook hands and I was off.

This year Mrs. Astor turned 95. The newspapers have been full of reports of her activities, which I have followed with keen interest. Wishing to know more about her life, I also read her autobiography, *Footprints*, published in 1980, when she was 78. On the next to last page of the book, she writes, "I have led a full life. Now at my age I want to enhance the life of others by good humor and understanding. I want people to know that I really care for them."

We know, Madame Astor, oh, how we know. And in light of our brief encounters one summer in Maine I thank my lucky stars for that Middlebury degree and say a heartfelt *merci* to the men and women, *les profs*, who led me into that lovely language—and to the door of one legendary lady. ■

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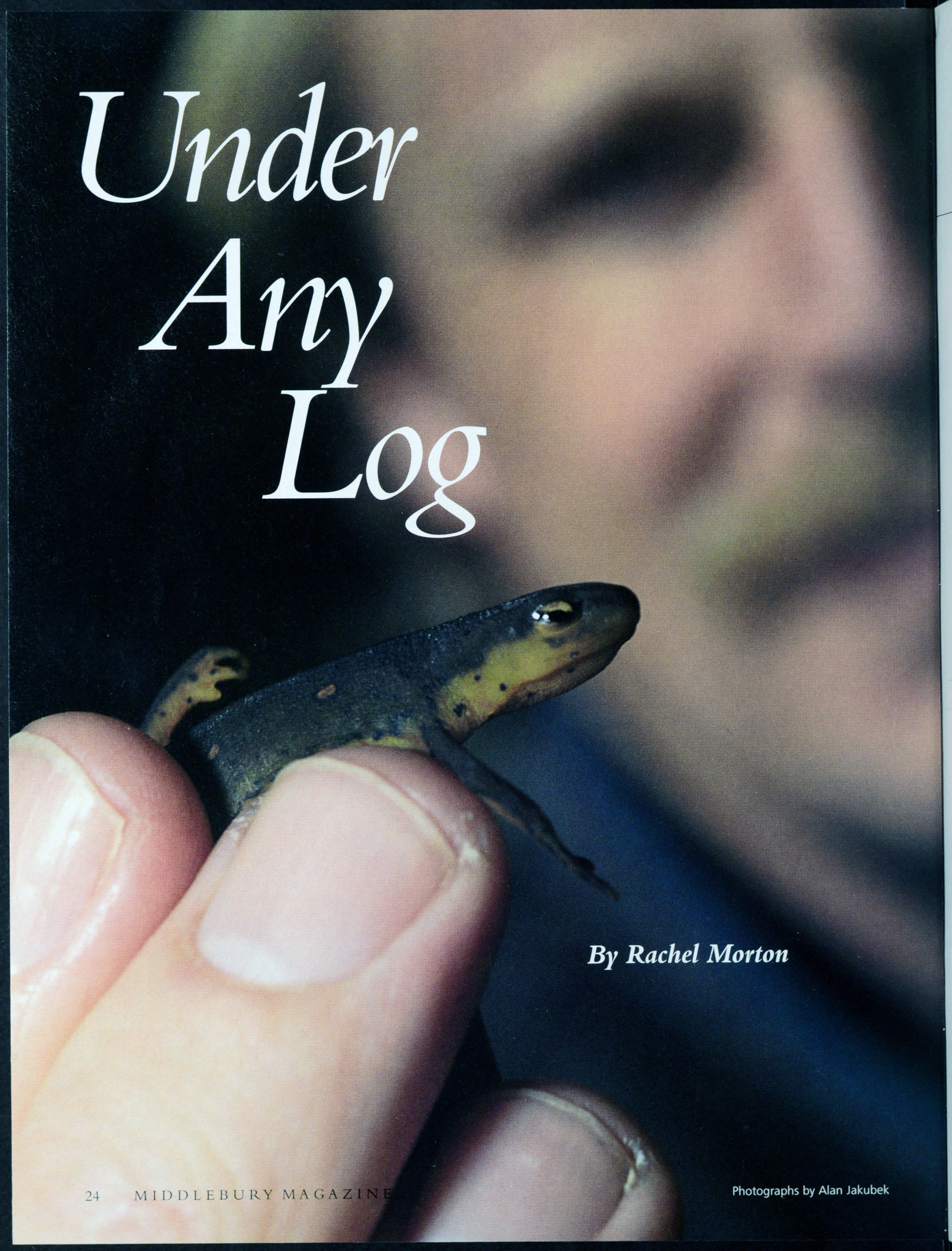


By Rachel Morton

Photographs by Alan Jakubek

When Jim Andrews was a child, his mother used to shoo him outdoors when he got underfoot: "Go out and find some skinks," she'd instruct, turning him loose in the woods outside their Salisbury camp. Jim would obligingly mess around, poking under logs until he found a frog or a salamander, a snake or a toad (no skinks, they're lower latitude reptiles).

It's been 30 years or more and Andrews is still messing around in the Vermont woods. In the intervening years, he got a degree in environmental sciences at the University of Vermont, taught junior high school science in Middlebury, then got a master's degree in biology from the College, working closely with biology professor Steve Trombulak. Andrews is currently a research associate at the Middlebury College Conservation Biology Lab, which Trombulak directs.

One of Andrews's projects at the lab—a survey of Vermont reptiles and amphibians to create a statewide atlas showing their distribution—is getting a lot of attention these days, because in Vermont, as in several other states, frogs missing limbs and deformed in other ways have been found, alarming scientists and laypeople alike. The press, in an effort to report the story and talk to experts in the field, have been led to Andrews, who is now chair of the Reptile and Amphibian Scientific Advisory Group for the Vermont Endangered Species Committee. Because his field work and master's thesis provided an inventory of amphibians in Addison County, he is one of very few people in the state with relevant knowledge and experience.

"People were asking, 'What's going on in Vermont?' and we couldn't even say for sure what species we had in Vermont," Andrews explains. "We didn't have that kind of baseline information. I had been monitoring populations at high altitudes—pristine sites—for years, and at those sites we had seen extremely few cases of deformities. But attention was on lowland species we didn't have the data for."

In an effort to fill in the gaps in information, Andrews began to survey the sites of most concern, often with the help of Middlebury students. Helping him last summer was sophomore José Zevallos, whose internship at the lab was part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute which funds summer science research by Middlebury students. José traveled around the state to sites that lacked data, camping out and taking the inventory, including documenting species through photography. He also helped Andrews make educational presentations to civic groups and schools.

Andrews sees community outreach as an important corollary to his work at the lab. "A lot of conservation biology decisions are made at the local level," he says, "by selectmen, school boards, commissions. If those people have been involved and they have more knowledge of the sites, it can't help but make them better stewards."

That habitat gets everything that washes down. Think of frog eggs in a farm pond. That's their uterus. Anything getting into the water is getting into them.

Andrews has also enrolled dozens of volunteers around the state to help in making the atlas. "We have people turning in data who range from 10 year olds to 80 year olds," he says proudly. "They are gathering and sending in reports, some are sending photographs. I review them and we enter it into the database."

While Andrews is interested in discovering and documenting the full extent of Vermont's amphibian population—currently, he says, the state has 39 species of reptiles and amphibians ("that we know of")—the species of most concern to the public has been the leopard frog. Newspapers have published "gut-wrenching" photographs of horribly deformed frogs ("really gross, Love Canal-type stuff"). But Andrews states that we are seeing two different kinds of problems, in Vermont and elsewhere.

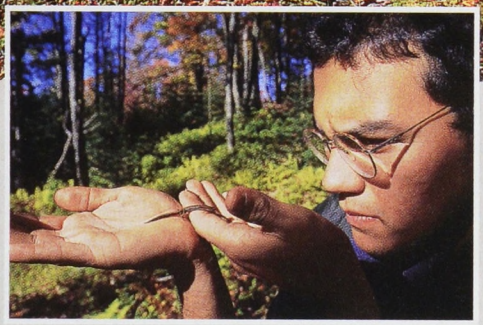
"What we see in Vermont are missing legs, sometimes as high as 40 percent missing legs. That's not chance." But it's also not necessarily chemical contamination. Something could be causing loss of legs in the tadpole stage of these frogs—"a fungus, a parasite, the larvae of predaceous water beetles."

Another kind of problem is surfacing in Minnesota and other states: frogs with extra legs. While chemically induced abnormalities are the obvious fear, Andrews says that scientists are also testing a theory that a parasite forms a cyst in the limb buds of a developing frog: the cyst splits the limb bud, pinching it off and forming extra legs.

"If there are internal deformities, we ought to take seriously the idea it is a chemically induced problem," Andrews says. He is waiting for the information to come back from the pathology lab on frogs that he, José, and others from state environmental departments collected this summer in Vermont.

"What we need to know from those frogs we've sent off is, what's going on inside? Are there internal deformities that would suggest environmental contamination? But if not, then I think we start looking at tadpoles. Where they start developing these problems still could be human induced, but it's really a question of developmental versus traumatic incident."

Though widespread concern in Vermont and elsewhere is a recent occurrence, since the late eighties there has been concern about worldwide amphibian declines. Some populations had disappeared from portions of their range; some had disappeared entirely, like the golden toed in Costa Rica or the gastric brooding frog in Australia (a truly remarkable animal that kept its tadpoles in its stomach). Vermont, too, appears to have lost one species



Sophomore José Zevallos (*left*) did field research this summer on Vermont reptiles and amphibians as part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant. Andrews and Zevallos (*above*) survey a beaver pond near a research site in the state forest.

entirely, Andrews says, the western chorus frog.

"As a result of habitat destruction alone, there's no question that we have caused declines in species in the state. Just filling in wetlands, paving over habitat, and building roads that cut off migration routes."

Unfortunately, frog species disappear quietly; you rarely read about it in the paper, and only a few scientists and naturalists even take notice. But when a common frog starts hopping into yards with three or five legs—that's news. In the case of the leopard frog, it is particularly alarming because the animal lives below towns and farms at the bottom of the watersheds, so is especially susceptible to environmental contamination.

"That habitat gets everything—everything that washes down. Think of frog eggs in a farm pond. That's their uterus. They're taking in those chemicals as they develop. Anything getting into the water is getting into them. They are a good bioindicator. And it could signal potential problems for humans. But my own take on that is that these creatures have a right to an existence for their own sake. We should be concerned whether or not it has potential impact on humans."

His concern for the amphibians and reptiles in their own right is manifested in his many field trips, when he introduces journalists, students, and community members to the critters he loves. "If you're trying to preserve a wetland, and if some people have actually visited it, and if they've seen blue spotted salamanders, through that knowledge they have a better appreciation of the value of that piece of habitat."

The amiable naturalist, with rumpled flannel shirt and mud-caked boots, is only too happy to show the rest of the world what's been turning him on for decades. On a beautiful fall day, with visitors in tow, Andrews bushwhacks through the brush like a bear, unfazed by thorny wild berry patches, nettles, and the ankle-sucking mud. He points out moose tracks and scat, bear scratches on tree trunks. He scoops his hand in a beaver pond, comes up with a newt, and turns over nearly every log to have a look at what wonders might be hiding underneath. ■

REAL WOMEN DRIVE MUSCLE CARS

By Kate Culkin '91

Speeding down I-80 in my El Camino, I am the most powerful woman in the world. *Look out plastic import*, I think. *Take that, puny sports car;* if push comes to shove, I'll crush you without a second thought. Eating with one hand, steering with the other, I realize women with big American cars don't need self-assertiveness training—a V-8 engine would empower anyone, male or female. A pop song of a few years ago got it right when the lead singer snarled, "I don't care what the world may need, but a V-8 engine is a good start for me."

The El Camino is half-car, half-truck, the mermaid of the automobile world. Like the mermaid, it transcends categories and allows its owners to do so as well. My father saw the car: he bought the El Camino to encase me in life-protecting steel in case of an accident. I saw the truck: I imagined throwing my belongings in the back, flying up mountains and through deserts, sleeping at the side of the road, traveling as a solitary pilgrim. My father's plan backfired; what started as an attempt to protect me from the world gave me the confidence to venture into it.

Like I said, any V-8 would be empowering, but the eye-catching El Camino may be especially so. Car aficionados describe El Caminos as muscle cars. That's how I feel driving mine: strong, brawny, muscled. Just over five feet tall with a turned up nose, freckles, and a whispery voice, I'm often seen as sweet and weak. Men offer to carry my bags and fear I am about to faint; they smile benevolently at my opinions. The El Camino, however, screams both *pay attention to me* and *get out of my way*. People stare at it, scurry from its path. Instead of asking if I know how to pump gas, mechanics come out to admire my car. My attitude behind the wheel affects my demeanor in the pedestrian world. I now expect people to get out of my way, to notice me, to take me seriously; because I expect it, they do.

I am not the first woman in my family to love her car. My grandmother once cherished a red Ford convertible. Unlike many females in 1940, she went to college and moved away from home to teach in a one-room schoolhouse; on weekends she cruised to the ski slopes or into Manhattan to see a show. My grandmother purchased her car with her own money, a claim I, with many more opportunities, cannot make. That shiny automobile symbolized her financial, as well as her emotional, independence.

In a picture from that era, my grandmother, turned out in Capri pants and a cardigan, leans against her Ford. She is preparing for one of her weekend excursions. With her ebony hair and slight figure, she looks like a posing Hollywood starlet, except for the fierce intelligence radiating from her eyes. Shortly after the photograph was taken, my grandmother met my grandfather. She quit her job, married, had one, then three, then six kids. The convertible gave way to a station wagon, teaching gave way to mothering, financial independence transformed into a household allowance. Her world grew even smaller when the move to a bigger town never materialized and her only brother died in World War II. Though she has never been anything but loving to her grandchildren, her sons and daughters speak of an angry, frustrated middle age. Through it all, however, she remembered what it felt like to fly down the road in her very own car.

Driving to my grandparents', I pass the landmarks I saw as a child from my car seat, the same ones my grandmother passed in her convertible: the stands selling hot dogs and fried clams, the rocky beach, the Elks club. I first steered the El Camino past them at the end of a solo trip from Denver, Colorado, to their upstate New York home. My grandmother hurried out to greet me as I pulled into the driveway. That night at dinner she proclaimed, "There is nothing like your first car." Her words strike me as significant. She has never said anything like, "There is nothing like your first boyfriend," or, "There is nothing like your wedding day." To her, the defining moment of a girl's life does not come in attaching herself to another person but in attaching herself to an automobile. She wishes for her granddaughters the freedom a car brings, the ability to go anywhere at anytime. After all, you are never trapped when you have a car. The only other thing my grandmother speaks of with the same reverence as a car is a college education, another route to independence.

Someone snapped a picture that day I first drove myself to my grandparents'. Like the earlier photograph, my grandmother leans against a solid American car, here in a dark blue windbreaker, her arms dug deep in her pockets to fight the autumn chill. This time she does not stand alone, however. A young woman with much the same face also leans against the car door. They both beam into the camera. The girl rejoices that she completed the cross-country drive alone, without mishap. The grandmother celebrates that her progeny, her flesh, her very genes, are on the move. ■

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This MOM'S LIFE

A Model of Cooking, Creativity, and Courage

By Molly Lukins '97.5

My claim to fame rests in a 4'11", hundred-pound, super-determined and unbelievably creative woman, publicly named Sheila Lukins and known to me as Mom. Her success began with her gourmet take-out food shop, The Silver Palate, and her reputation soared with the five cookbooks that followed. Not a day goes by when I am not reminded of how accomplished my mom is and how determined she is to overcome whatever obstacles may block her path. She has

Photograph by Bob Handelman; illustrations by Sheila Lukins

She's attractive, she's little, she's funky. It's very appealing. It's so obvious she loves what she's doing.

just come out with her fifth book, *The USA Cookbook;* she is food editor for *Parade* magazine and does the coach food for United Airlines. But it's not just these achievements that make me proud. I think what makes me appreciate her even more is how she responded to a tragedy, one in which I almost lost her.

Before Mom got married, had me and my sister, and started a gourmet food shop, she was naughty. She got kicked out of one college, dropped out of another, and mostly liked to have fun and do her art. So at age 18, after deciding that college wasn't for her, my mom set out for The Big Apple. She took several jobs, including illustrating sewing patterns for *McCall's.*

Then she met my dad: he was a Princeton grad, *cum laude,* and was crazy about her. He thought she was a complete nut. He owned a security company, and he told her he wanted to marry her but not unless she went to college. Four years later, in 1971, with my father paying her entire tuition, my mother graduated from N.Y. U. with a degree in art.

It wasn't until 1975 that my mother discovered her passion for cooking. Her ability is innate—I don't think she even knew she had it in her—but once she started, another artistic expression was discovered. After I was born, she created a catering service for single men, The Other Woman Catering Company. She cooked meals for these clients, dropped off the food, and then headed back home to her kids. In two years her solo operation became very popular and her clientele expanded.

One fan of my mom's cooking approached her with the business proposition that changed my mother's career from successful to booming. Julee Rosso asked my mom if she wanted to start a gourmet takeout food shop. In 1977, in Manhattan on Columbus between 71st and 72nd, these new friends and partners opened The Silver Palate, which offered prepared gourmet starters, entrees, and desserts to people on their way home from work. After establishing themselves, they wrote what is still their biggest seller, *The Silver Palate Cookbook.*

What was it like for me, a kid, to grow up in a house filled with gourmet food? Well, let's say I developed a rather mature palate at a young age: my mom never stocked the fridge with frozen Snickers or Cokes. And now I eat anything. I mean everything. When I go to Proctor, chances are I'm going to eat the hot lunch. It looks fine. If not, I'll do something with it. Mom would take ground beef and make a funky barbecue sauce. I'll take that recipe and recreate it but use Mrs. Dash instead of fresh basil. I've been more than satisfied with the food at Middlebury because I don't have a spoiled palate. When I was growing up, our housekeeper, Greeny, made our dinner most nights, and it was usually a fairly banal meal, like pasta and hamburger or chicken. It seemed fine to me.

Once a week Mom made a special family dinner, and for elementary school outings she made me unique lunches. Instead of filling the normal brown paper bag, she packed my lunches in a canvas, zipped tote bag with The Silver Palate logo on it. When I opened it in front of all my friends, there would be a smoked salmon sandwich with cream cheese and chives on pumpernickel bread, several cornichons to fulfill my vegetable group, and two Linzer torte cookies in the shape of hearts sprinkled with powdered sugar. The teachers were more anxious to share and swap their lunches with me than the kids were.

At first Mom did her cooking for the store at home. She'd run down the street with pots in her hand. But when the business could afford it, they built a kitchen at the store, and then she was there all the time. Sometimes I almost resented her success

I thought I was watching my mother die; miraculously she didn't.

because I wasn't old enough to understand how she was contributing to American society. What I saw was that my mom was at work all the time. She didn't make my lunch every day like other moms. She didn't drive me to school like other moms. I felt I was missing out because I didn't have a typical mother like those my friends talked about.

On December 11, 1991, I was 16 and a junior in high school. It was reading week so I was home studying for exams. My sister had started college that fall, and Dad was at work. Mom called for me from her bedroom, saying she had a terrible headache. She tends to be dramatic, so I was, like, "Mom, take an aspirin." The next thing I knew, she was screaming. I ran into her room and watched my mother's headache turn into a massive cerebral hemorrhage. She was convulsing, and I watched as her left side became paralyzed. My dad rushed home in time to ride with her in the ambulance—she was grabbing at him with her right hand and yelling in pain. I thought my last memory of her would be hearing her screams echo in the courtyard of our building as they took her downstairs. I thought I was watching my mother die; miraculously she didn't.

The doctors were able to operate, though at first they said the operation had a really low percent success rate. She was unconscious for several days. That first night Dad came home and said to us, "I was so afraid I would have tell my babies that their mother had died. I don't know what damage has been done, but they saved her life."

She awoke and remembered everybody, but she was entirely paralyzed on her left side. What followed was a year of incredible strength and determination by my mom to regain the ability to use the left side of her body and to reestablish herself as a professional. She had to relearn how to walk and other rudimentary things that as a workaholic devastated her.

Mom continues to work at getting better, but you would be dumbfounded by her progress. She is amazing. She still doesn't have all the feeling in her left side; she can grip things, but awkwardly. At first Mom hated herself—thought she was inadequate—but she has really come into herself; she's a new person as a result of that terrible day. Now, she is not only a leading American chef, but an inspiration to disabled people.

I've watched Mom in action on TV, on the radio, doing book signings. I've seen how excited people get when they see her. They love her. Her little fan club is predominantly women. She talks to them, makes jokes with them. Mom has a very friendly air about her. She's attractive, she's little, she's funky. It's very appealing. And it's so obvious she loves what she's doing.

It does something to a daughter when she watches her mom rise, fall, and rise again. Most of us look up to our mothers, but at times I can't see mine because I am so overwhelmed by what she has done, professionally *and* personally. I have spent six years trying to understand why this happened to her. I have come to the conclusion that my mom was put on this earth to stun the world. She has undertaken, voluntarily and not, so many challenges and has triumphed every time.

This thing with my mom made me grow up fast, because all of a sudden, at 16, I had to take on a role that no 16 year old should have to take on. I had to become self-sacrificing and let somebody I had always depended on become completely dependent on me. You figure out your priorities in a situation like that. It gives you a reality check on mortality, and you learn again how sacred and how important your family is. ■

Molly Lukins '97.5 studies American literature and hopes to pursue a career in the arts auction industry.

COMPUTER COUNTRY

The Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network puts those "out there" on-line

By Cynthia Baughman

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

The one-room schoolhouse is still a fact of life in many rural areas. But even larger and more modern schools in the country suffer from isolation.

Without leaving their own school, the students in Renee Moore's Mississippi 12th grade class "conversed" with students in South Africa during that country's first elections after apartheid. They also listened to Ladysmith Black Mambazo and compared the South African musical tradition to the Delta blues of their home. With a computer pipeline between two English classes, students in Soweto and students in the rural South compared apartheid and pre-civil rights segregation. Then they read two novels and commented back and forth by computer.

This innovative exchange, called the Freedom Project, is but one example of the creative teaching made possible by the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network. Last June a hundred educators gathered at the Bread Loaf campus to hear and tell of similar experiences at a conference on "The Teaching of English in Rural Schools." When Renee Moore introduced herself, she talked about her students, at home in a school still segregated by race in fact, if not according to the letter of the law. She spoke for mostly poor, all black senior high students who, nevertheless, had "virtually" followed their teacher out of Mississippi to Soweto, South Africa.

The Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network

Since 1993, Bread Loaf has been a critical force in the effort to improve instruction in rural classrooms in Alaska, Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Vermont. An initial grant from the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund awarded the Bread Loaf School of English $2.7 million to help establish the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network, which gives teachers access to high quality professional development opportunities and cuts through their isolation from educational and cultural centers, as well as from other teachers. In

1997, an additional $2.4-million grant made it possible to extend the program through August 2001; to add many new, outstanding rural teachers; and to expand into two new target states, Colorado and Georgia. The new grant includes a significant increase in the effort to involve administrators in the network; their support for their rural teachers is vital. The Annenberg Rural Challenge has become a partner in this endeavor, providing financial support for participating teachers.

These teachers from rural America join others convening at Bread Loaf each summer. Approximately 400 concentrate on literature, writing, and theatre arts. Some earn graduate degrees in English; all deepen their knowledge of literature and writing. For as many as five summer sessions they work at Bread Loaf sites in Ripton, Vermont; Lincoln College, Oxford, in England; and the Native American Preparatory School in Rowe, New Mexico. In addition, they learn how to use BreadNet, the telecommunications network that links the Bread Loaf community.

This technology serves as an important component in the learning that goes on in Bread Loaf teachers' classrooms. The computers are not, however, the center of the learning. Best used, they become invisible, merely the means to better writing and reading, better understanding of the great literature of the world and the thoughts that have produced it. In electronic sites on BreadNet students engage in ongoing on-line dialogue with other Bread Loaf classrooms, sometimes in the same state, sometimes on another continent. Determined, dedicated teachers are met by students who want to learn. Hard work has a lot to do with the learning. What happens in these classrooms is, nevertheless, a miracle.

A Sense of Place

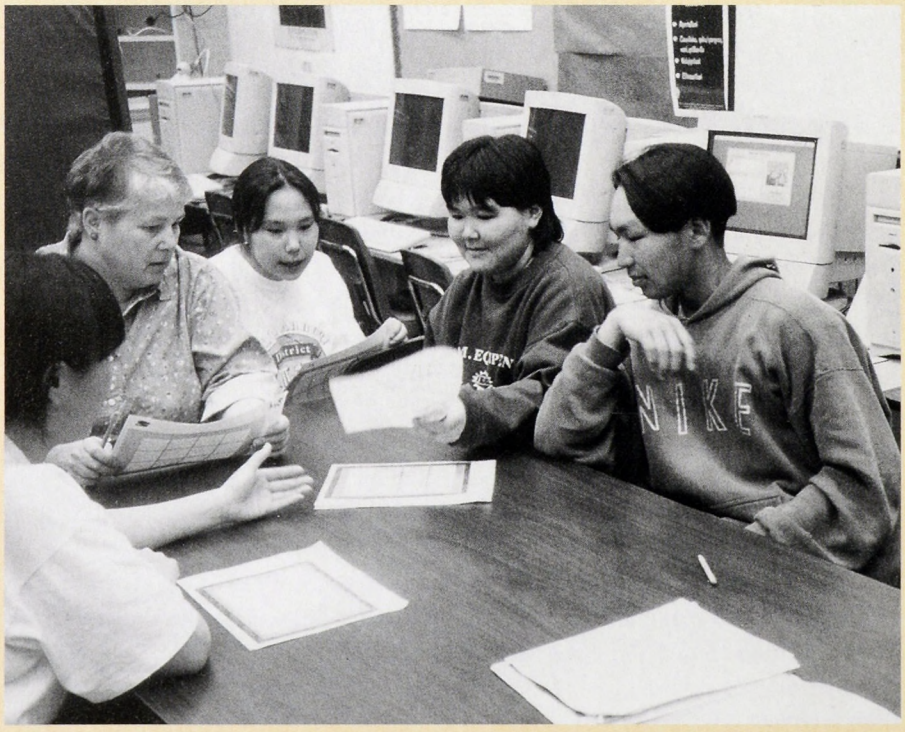
"When students in Alaska and Vermont compare their reactions to *Romeo and Juliet* or to *The Diary of Anne Frank*, they labor for clarity and specificity," says James Maddox, director of the Bread Loaf School of English. "They also learn to see their own rural place with fresh eyes."

Place is always important. Wherever students learn, they have and need a sense of place. Often even within isolated communities, as well as outside of them, a negative perception exists about being rural. With a place-based curriculum students can learn to love their homes instead of thinking of them as the first place they want to leave.

The places rural teachers work can make them feel alone, as well as short of the resources available to many, though not all, teachers. (Those working in poor urban areas, ironically, experience very similar challenges.) Thus, Bread Loaf's mission for rural education is twofold: to improve the quality of education in the classroom, and to make possible professional development for rural teachers. Teachers must operate in schools that are far from ideal, and technology can be an important part of the learning for their students and for themselves.

These teachers walk a tightrope, committed not only to their classrooms, but also to their communities. In rural areas teachers sometimes feel themselves outsiders, sometimes insiders. Being members of the Rural Teacher Network helps them negotiate their feelings about those positions either way. Bread Loaf can revitalize their teaching, making the familiar for insiders seem strange and exciting again; it can also make outsiders feel connected.

"I'm the English department," says Mary Burnham, a middle school teacher in East Corinth, Vermont. "I hadn't counted on that. [The Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network] is my virtual English department." When she was switched to another grade



Sandy McCulloch, a Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network fellow, talks with students at Chief Paul Memorial School in Kipnuk, Alaska.

Renee Moore teaches her Mississippi Delta students not only about great literature, but also about their peers in Vermont and South Africa.

just before school opened, through BreadNet contacts she had instant bibliographies; she came away with "a book of great ideas for the beginning of the fall semester." When a student was shot in her rural school, her on-line colleagues and their students "made us able to cope. They've made me and my students better."

Some teachers have had to learn to accept their differences as teachers in schools where no one else is involved in BreadNet. "Word gets out. Kids talk. You know if you're not in Steve's [BreadNet] classes, you're missing out," says an Arizona principal about one of his teachers. "He doesn't have tardy problems. He doesn't have disciplinary problems." Most of rural America is not on the information superhighway, while these few outstanding teachers who come to Bread Loaf have access to resources others don't have. That can be unsettling, even threatening to other teachers. "Is the person returning from Bread Loaf with great ideas going to be a loner or a leader?" asked one conference participant.

Susan Stropko, principal of an intermediate school on the Navajo reservation in Ganado, Arizona, goes to enormous efforts to help the Bread Loaf teachers return to a school where their leadership is wanted, where preliminary teaching about technology has already taken place for those who cannot travel to Bread Loaf, where the returning emissaries are greeted as people who can help their colleagues and especially the students they all care about educating. Receptive ground work is vital and, at least in Ganado, seems to be effective in spreading the techniques and ideas that improve learning in rural areas. One of the most successful of these techniques is direct on-line discourse between students in different schools.

On-line Discourse

"On-line discourse that is not penpalish is producing a kind of dialogue that is not occurring in the classroom otherwise," says Dixie Goswami, co-director of the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network. "It's not business as usual." Students often work harder, knowing their writing will go on-line. And, when all they know about one another is what they write, students learn words matter.

Members of Renee Moore's class have also corresponded with "classmates" in Vermont, whose differences from the Mississippi students were perhaps as significant as those of the Soweto "classmates." The groups wrote what they thought the other students were like, never having met their kind. Their prejudices bared, they then discussed William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice,* inquiring into the sources of prejudice in that play—and, in fact, even asking whether the play itself is an example of prejudice.

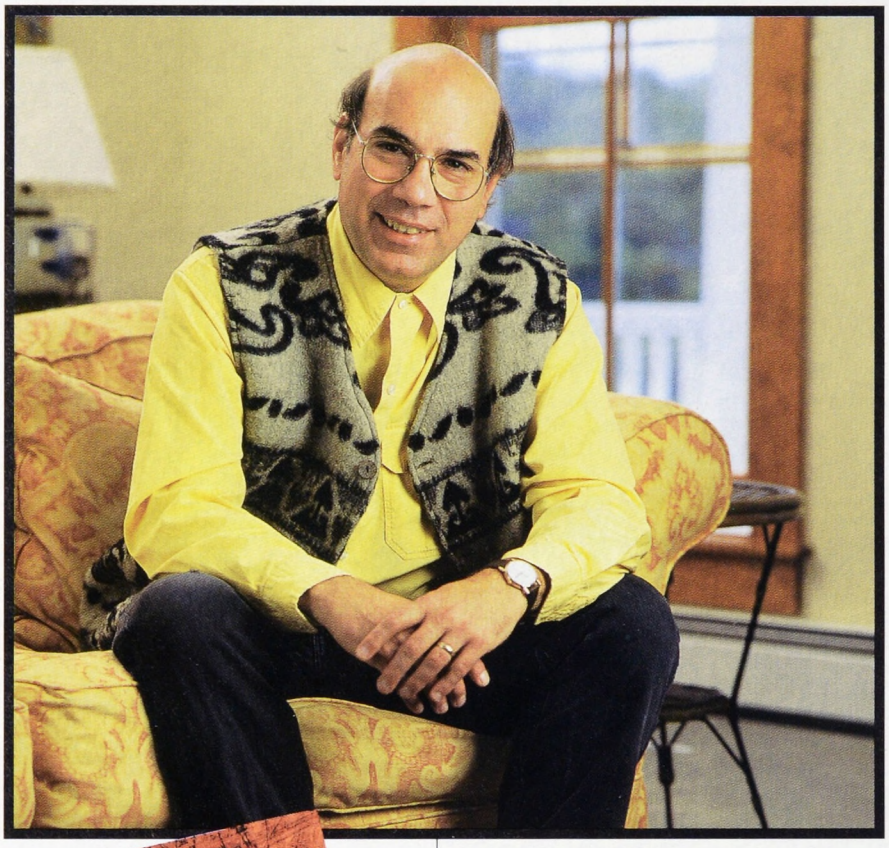
Anne Gardner's high school English students in Georgetown, South Carolina, intrigued teachers with their on-line discourse. "I didn't do anything. It was the kids," says Gardner of the attention paid to the computer dialogue that evolved between her class and a distant one taught by another Bread Loaf teacher. Gardner started hanging the transcripts of these computer conversations outside her classroom on unused bulletin boards and people started reading. Teachers began asking what it was all about, and students became the teachers of teachers, explaining on-line communication.

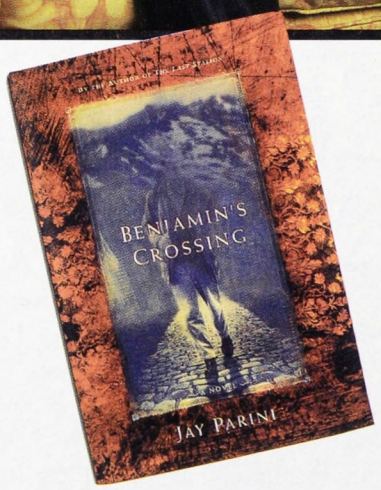
Continuing Challenges

The scale and diversity of challenges in rural education are staggering. Wisely, Bread Loaf has no interest in quick fixes; it cares about teaching and change in teaching that can be sustained. The urgency of a teacher's "I want to get on that [technology] train and get moving" is met with measured, practical suggestions for how to move forward: if a school can afford only one computer, put it in the teacher's home; if a little more money is available, put one or two computers in a classroom. Filling a laboratory with state-of-the-art computers is not a good allocation of resources without a budget for technology training of at least 30 percent (typically, 95 percent goes to equipment and only 5 percent is designated for training, resulting in underused machines).

Cultures that are different and the same, language that is powerful in the hands of rural students as well as Shakespeare, literature that sheds light on others and ultimately on oneself—all this is within reach of these remote rural schools with the help of the Bread Loaf School of English, its technology, and the heroic teachers scattered in very distant trenches as they lead the charge for learning.

South Carolina educational television has filmed a documentary about the Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network, which will appear on public television during 1997-98. ■





Another Parini Production

Some years back he'd have one, maybe two of his three sons on his lap, composing on his word processor while talking on the telephone. Jay Parini is used to doing many things at once. A full-time professor in Middlebury's English department, Parini is also a novelist, a poet, an essayist, a reviewer, and an editor.

He seems to juggle these many roles with ease and with speed. This year he will have seven books in the stores, including a biography of John Steinbeck; a book of poetry, *House of Days;* and a book of essays, *Some Necessary Angels.* Parini has also coedited two books—one with Bob Pack and his sixth novel, *Benjamin's Crossing*, has just been published to glowing reviews.

Amos Oz called *Benjamin's Crossing* "a piercing, magnificent novel," and according Gore Vidal, it is an exciting adventure story, "part Chaplin, part Kafka." This biographical novel about Walter Benjamin, a leading German-Jewish intellectual whose life and works had fascinated Parini for years, just skirts "the borderline between fact and fiction," Parini explains.

"I thought, 'What an incredible story,'" Parini says of the influential philosopher whose life ended in suicide after an escape from the Nazis over the Pyrenees. Parini researched Benjamin's life intensively during a visiting professorship at Oxford; he even spoke to the now-90-year-old Lisa Fittko, the woman who led Benjamin on his dramatic escape route.

Next on Parini's to do list is a biography of Robert Frost, and then on to a novel set in South America. Can the man really have any spare time? "I'm kind of old for it, but I love basketball. I play three times a week. Plus I have a million children. Really three, ages 15, 12, and 3. But it feels like a million."

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS

Winner of the Katharine Bakeless Nason Literary Publication Prize for fiction, *Eggs for Young America* by Katherine L. Hester (Middlebury College Press/University Press of New England, 1997) is a collection of short stories about people

Photograph by Ken Burris

who often walk unnoticed in the larger dramas of society—people down on their luck, out of work or money or love.

Toward the city limits sign, the chicken plant weights down the sky like a brick.

Before that, closer to town, are the

sullen coils of the copper-colored river, the rusty coils leaching through the sodden bedsprings the transients drag into the heavy brush between the water and the railroad tracks. At night, their fires gleam like eyes. In the mornings, Curtis clambers up the clay gullies, up the twisty streets, to rail and rest, to knock on doors and ask for water. His eyes are hard as hatchet heads. . . . .

He carries his artificial orange plant, brandishing the oily, olive-colored branches that will never droop from lack of water. He heads down the street, toward his space beside the river. He already has a moldy chair he wrestled down the streets and through the gullies, his mattress, and now he has his plant. When it gets too cold, he'll leave them there and hop a train for somewhere else. A better climate. Florida. When he comes back in the spring, the river will have risen, fallen and risen again. Tattered plastic bags will be caught in the branches up above the dirty water line. The water moccasins will be nesting in the uptorn roots of the trees that line the edges of the river.

DARING TO BE INCORRECT

When Suzanna Sherry '76 and Daniel A. Farber wrote *Beyond All Reason: The Radical Assault on Truth in American Law* (Oxford University Press, 1997), they knew they weren't going to win any popularity contests. It is a biting critique of radical multiculturalism that examines the work of Derrick Bell, Catherine MacKinnon, and others. The authors contend that radical multiculturalists, by stressing identity politics over reasoned argument, cannot critically examine each other's ideas without incurring vehement accusations of racism and sexism. The end result of this thinking is a kind of totalitarianism in which dissent cannot be tolerated.

Though the book will be widely available in late fall, Sherry says that "so far most response has been gratifying in that it has been within the bounds of academic discourse." She knew that this, her first non-textbook, would elicit strong opinion: "We had some trepidation; we knew it wouldn't be popular. But we both have tenure and in some sense that's what tenure is for."

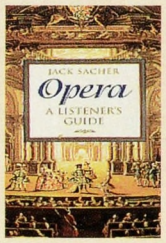
Beyond All Reason is sure to make a provocative contribution to one of the most important controversies of our time. Suzanna Sherry, the Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law at the University of Minnesota, was a history major at Midd, "but also took lots of political science and philosophy—all three prepared me for doing law and the kind of analysis we are doing in this book." ■

ALSO NOTED

GOLDEN DREAMS *by Polly Holyoke '88,* writing under the name Anna DeForest (Leisure Books, 1997): A historical romance by this former history teacher, who admits, "I'm a little sheepish about my professors knowing I wrote such a steamy romance."

THE INSIDE GUIDE TO AMERICA'S NURSING HOMES: RANKINGS AND RATINGS FOR EVERY NURSING HOME IN THE U.S. *by Bob Bua '87* (Warner Books, 1997): Bua's new guide has received a lot of visibility because it is such a useful resource in evaluating the quality of nursing home care.

FROM EAR TO EAR *by Mike McGuire '90* (Acoustic Core Productions, Brunswick, Me.): A new CD, which has been called a "pop/folk hybrid," from this English teacher (and former D-8) who plays concerts and coffeehouses throughout the country.



OPERA: A LISTENER'S GUIDE *by Jack Sacher '52* (Schirmer Books, 1997): How opera works and why it matters. Sacher focuses on excerpts of 11 of the most popular operas, explaining the music, the action, and the magic.

MR. SPOONER'S IN THE WELL AND OTHER MASSACHUSETTS MYSTERIES *by Curt Norris '51* (Covered Bridge Press, 1996): Here are a dozen gripping true mysteries for you to solve along with the investigators.

RELIGION AND CULTURE IN EARLY MODERN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE, *edited by Samuel H. Baron and Nancy Shields Kollmann '72* (Northern Illinois University Press, 1997): Essays on 17th-century Russia and Ukraine by historians, art historians, and specialists in literature and cultural studies.

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1924

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; 207/967-2440.*

We are saddened to report several deaths in the class. **Carolyn Griffith Tarbell** died on June 14 and **Anna Eliza Wilkinson Pratt** on June 5. We send condolences to Carrie's son Kenneth, and to Anna's son Alan A. Pratt, and their families. ■ We also send sympathy to the family of **Helen LaForce Lewis Henshaw**, who died on December 4, 1996. ■ **Roland Kamens** passed away on August 10, leaving his wife, Jessie. ■ Word has also been received of the death of **Marion Pellett Nielsen** on September 27, 1995. Our sympathy to her daughter, Karen2 Nielsen, and the family. ■ Memorials for these classmates will be found elsewhere in this issue.

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

The unique "secret garden" of **Evelyn Plumley Adams** has been saved from a developer's bulldozer! Evelyn is very pleased to announce that she has donated her collection of 40 different kinds of wildflowers—including some 2,000 trilliums—to the Garden in the Woods, headquarters of the New England Wild Flower Society in Framingham, MA. Because her garden was out of sight on the far side of a slope, Kenneth Druse dubbed it "the secret garden" when he featured it in his book *The Natural Habitat Garden*. She started the garden in 1951 with about a half-dozen trilliums, wildflowers which are now becoming increasingly rare as development encroaches on their habitat. When Evelyn moved to a NH retirement community, she had to leave the Wellesley garden where she had grown trilliums and other native wildflowers for 60 years. Volunteers mobilized to move the plants to Garden in the Woods, where New England Wild Flower Society executive director David DeKing drew the comparison of an art museum being given a famous painting: "It's just a wonderful piece of art. We couldn't be more pleased." Evelyn's new address is 108 River Mead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.

1926

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, Middlebury, VT 05753.

We regret to report the death of **Stanley Sargeant** on June 16, 1997, at the age of 94. He prepared for college at East Orange, NJ, High School. At Middlebury he was a member of the Dramatic Club, Science Club, the Inter-fraternity Council, and was circulation manager of the 1926 *Kaleidoscope*. He was also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He majored in chemistry and returned in the summer of 1927 to study under Prof. Corson to begin work on an M.S. degree. We send condolences to his wife, Helen, and his son, Steven. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1927

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Memorials for four members of the Class of 1927 appear elsewhere in this issue. The College has been notified of the deaths of **Laura Anderson Gustafson** on July 2, **Ruth Tupper Packard** on July 24, **Roland Kamens** on August 10, and **Warren Witt** on August 21.

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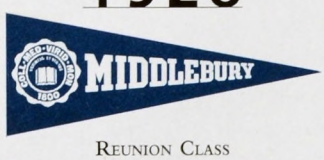

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

We came to Middlebury in the fall of 1924 and as I write this fall, remarkably, there are 24 of us on the 1928 class list. This seems somehow symbolic, as we prepare for our 70th Reunion. The Charleston is just a memory and we will need help to get to Calvi's and Rosie's Place, but the little blue shuttle busses will take us to campus sites, revered and new. ■ Our 90th birthday cycle finds us doing well. **Elizabeth "Lib" Westfall**'s celebration lasted for a week, as she visited her daughter and sons, with a birthday cake at each location. The nicest part was that she was able to see all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. ■ **John Hoyt, Jane French Douglass, Helen Bailey**, and **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** will have celebrated 90ths by the time you read this. ■ **Helen Revere Hatch** had an exciting summer. On her annual "wonderful" trip to Costa Rica, she renewed a friendship with the president of the Costa Rica Women's Club, who later came to Sarasota, FL, where they met again. As we spoke, she was enjoying the Venice Art League's spectacular Heritage Festival, featuring the cultures (everything from the arts to food) of Ireland, Scotland, and the countries of Europe and Asia. Helen continues her opera, Woman's Club, and Phi Mu associations, but has given up one of her parliamentarian assignments. I have suggested Midd in May '98 for her next adventure. ■ Class president **Ed "Hank" Ferry** sends greetings. He's doing a great deal of reading these days, current and historical, the latter no surprise to us. With no cable available, he watches the Red Sox on '68 and the Braves on CNN; not a change in loyalty. His daughter, Martha, was visiting when we called. She would be happy to accompany him to Midd next May, and will join us in persuasion. ■ As you probably read, since bad news travels widely, Thoreau's beloved Walden Pond had to be closed to swimming last summer because of very unpleasant odors emanating from the beach sand. However, as the tourist leaf season begins, it's pure again, and swimmers and the early morning fishermen are back. ■ My best to you. I have high hopes that several of us can meet in Middlebury, May 29-31, on the 70th anniversary of our graduation.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

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Dr. Stephen Freeman laughs with Susan Baer, granddaughter of Rosemary Faris Baer '34. The two Baers were the oldest and youngest singers of Brahms's German Requiem *last May. (See 1934 column)*

We regret to report the death of **Paul A. Burns** on December 9, 1996. We send the condolences of the class to wife Helen Burns, who writes that Paul "always recalled his years at Middlebury with great affection." ■ We also send sympathy to Janet Sayers Smith '64 and her family on the death of her mother, **Ruth Howard Sayers**. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Congratulations to Fran and **Conwell W. Abbott**, who have been married for 50 years. He writes: "Our daughter Ruth Abbott Clark and son James treated us to a beautiful party at Ruth's home on June 1, 1997. At the same party we celebrated the high school graduation of our first grandchild, Carolyn Clark." ■ We regret to report the death of **Myrtle C. Bachelder** on May 22, 1997. She was an analytical chemist who worked on the Manhattan Project and later continued her work in metal analysis at the Univ. of Chicago's James Franck Institute. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Our sympathy goes to Evelyn Clement Green '32 and all the family of **Wallace E. Green**, who died on May 30.

1931

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View Apt. 218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

Our dedicated class secretary **Priscilla March** died on July 31, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. She was a loyal supporter of the College and will be missed by many. At the time of her death, she was still serving as a regular tour guide at Historic Deerfield. Gertrude Knight Cleverdon '35, who worked with Priscilla on RiverMead's library committee, writes: "She will be greatly missed here at RiverMead, where her quiet gentleness hid a warm productive personality. She accomplished a great deal with a minimum of intrusion." ■ We also regret to report the loss of three other classmates this summer: **Marian Tolles Chase** (of Henniker, NH) on July 23, **Mary Nims Mason** (of Gardner, MA) on July 30, and **Catherine Hosley Ambrose** (of Manchester, VT) on August 9. Memorials for all four women appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ With this issue we are pleased to welcome **Ellen Kellogg Norton** and **Walt Crocker** as class secretaries. Please make sure to put them on your Christmas card list and let them know what your interests are. It is important to stay in touch with your Middlebury friends.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

The *New York Times Magazine* for August 3, 1997, featured an article on "The Ladies Who Bake," one of whom is none other than our own **Marion Jones Munford**, a member of the Pie Committee of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury. For many years, this group has been gathering on the first Friday of July to bake 100 very special tender-flaky pies. Recipes given in the article included generous fillings of five cups of blueberries or raspberries and revealed the ingredients of "Middlebury Pie Crust," made with Crisco. Marion is quoted as saying that "her 65 years of baking have taught her never to get mad at the dough and to treat it tenderly. Once you understand it with your hands, the dough will tell you all you need to know." Marion has also been in the news for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from VT Governor Howard Dean. Her selection came from the VT Commission on National and Community Service. Congratulations, Marion! ■ We are saddened to report the death of **John Storm** on February 23, 1997. John was 88. He was a native of Utica and for many years ran a feed company there. His classmates extend their sympathy to his family. John's memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Your class secretaries, Gray and Georgiana, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary August 25, 1997.

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

In early May, **Ruth Nodding Hopkins, Mary Duryee Weeks**, and **Mary Omwake Dearborn** joined a tour group from New London, NH, to spend 11 glorious days in Belgium and Holland. Mary Dearborn reports: "We visited the very southern part of the Netherlands, where the country is hilly, and traveled to the northern tip of the country, where the land is five feet below sea level. We learned a lot of history of the 14th and 15th centuries, walked many miles on narrow cobblestone streets, saw beautiful cathedrals, parliament buildings, town halls, and castles, and enjoyed lunches in the open market squares. One of the highlights of the trip was our visit to the flower auction house and to the Keukenhof Gardens, where the tulips and many other flowers were in full bloom. Just beautiful! Our elegant farewell dinner was held at a castle near Brugge, at which time we also celebrated Ruth's birthday. Need I tell you which one? This was a trip to be long remembered!" The three planned to meet in August to relive their wonderful trip together. ■ We regret to report the death of **William Volkmar** on February 2, 1997, and send the sympathy of the class to his family. ■ We also send condolences to the family of **George E. Yeomans**, who passed away on May 13. George's brother Edward '42 died on June 12. Memorials for both brothers, and for William Volkmar, appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ Dr. Thomas A. Warthin died on August 12 in Walpole, MA. He was the widower of **Virginia Whittier Warthin**, who died November 19, 1995. Our sympathy goes to all the family. ■ Our 65th Reunion is coming up on May 28-31, 1998. Let's try to make arrangements to gather in Middlebury for this grand occasion!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

In May, I (**Eleanor Orde Reid**) flew to Vancouver, BC, to board the *Crown Princess* for a cruise through the Inside Passage. Dockings included Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway Bay, and there were visits to the great Mendenhall Glacier—over 200 feet high, nearly 3 miles wide, and 12 miles long, one of the largest glaciers in AK—and College Fjord and the 7 glaciers, among them Wellesley, Harvard, and Yale. We saw eagles, basking seals, migrating whales, and slabs of ice breaking away from the glaciers. Because we were traveling in mid-May, there was still some snow on the mountains, enhancing the natural beauty. We were so fortunate to have 12 days of sun and bright blue sky, with almost no clouds or fog. We were told AK usually enjoys about 50 such days annually. Docking at Seward, we traveled by coach to Anchorage, continued by Alaska Railroad through more beautiful country, mountains, rivers and finally to Denali National Park, a six million acre wildlife sanctuary for moose, Dall sheep, wolves, caribou, and brown bear. Mt. McKinley towers 20,306 feet, North America's highest peak. After our stay in Denali Lodge, we spent another night in Anchorage and then home via San Francisco/Boston/Lebanon. ■ We regret to report the deaths of three classmates: **Ray H. Bliss** (June 19), **Colin C. Woodfall** (July 18), and **Floyd L. Taylor** (August 15). Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Rosemary Faris Baer** reports: "A truly wonderful weekend at Middlebury has stirred me to share my joys with my '34 classmates." Rosemary's granddaughter Susan (17), a high school junior majoring in choral studies, accompanied her to Middlebury last May and the two became the oldest and youngest singers in the performance of Brahms's *German Requiem* (see the cover story in the summer issue of this magazine). There were many other festivities that weekend honoring Prof. Emory Fanning on the occasion of his retirement. Rosemary and Susan also sang in the choir on Sunday morning in Mead Memorial Chapel. A highlight of the weekend for Rosemary was a visit with Dr. Stephen Freeman, now 99 years of age and still living in his Middlebury home. Susan shares the same birthdate as Dr. Freeman, who challenged her to define her goals. Rosemary will remember a very special visit.

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Les Evans is looking forward to our 65th Reunion, which coincides with celebrations for the year 2000, as well as being the 200th anniversary of Middlebury College. Let's all join him in making plans. Les missed our 65th Reunion due to an operation on his right hand. As a result of this operation, his golf is limited to a nine-hole weekly scramble—chip and putt, but no drive—which has earned him a new title, "The designated putter." Fortunately he can drive the car, so he and Louise spend six months each in CT and FL. ■ **Dick Cushing** already has his reservations for reunion. In spite of several health problems, he plays golf regularly and sings in an 80-voice men's chorus in the northeastern NY area. He reports that "only one rehearsal is enough to send the tingles up your spine." ■ **Jim Brock** continues to work a full week—not in court, but in estate planning. ■ **Vera Knapp** continues to enjoy her "fleeting but good life" in Montpelier, with her flowers and her friends. Visits to her son's home on Lake Champlain enable her to watch the "surprising number of sailboats, yachts, and cruisers" that drop anchor in the bay for the night, in preference to the Shelburne Marina. ■ **Jessie Gibson Prouty** is active in her church and plays a lot of contract and duplicate bridge. She travels to FL in the winter and makes frequent trips to CO to visit a daughter. She and husband Bob have a new address in York, PA. ■ **Doris Hiller Lynch** of Chapel Hill, NC, enjoys living in "a *very* nice retirement community near Duke, Univ. of NC, and NC State. Lots of activities and fine people. I consider myself very lucky." She has a daughter in Durham and sees her two other offspring at yearly reunions at the beach. ■ **Louise Fleig Newman** traveled to a resort near Phoenix in August to celebrate her sister-in-law's 90th birthday with other friends and relatives from TX, FL, OH, VA, and CO. ■ With the May 22 birth of Alissa Caitlin Kuster, Helen and **Charles Kuster** became the elated paternal grandparents of the first girl born in their family in two-thirds of a century. Charles reports that he and Helen are in "reasonably good health" in Scottsdale, AZ. ■ When **Mundy Allen Keppler** attended a family reunion in Rochester, NY, last summer, she worked in a tour of the Middlebury campus. Unfortunately, she then had a six-day bout in the hospital with pneumonia before returning to CA. She was planning to attend the August wedding of a grandson who graduated from Berkeley and now works for a congressman in DC. ■ **Warren Brown** enjoys reading about classmates in the magazine and asks that we "all keep up the good work." He reports that he and wife Mabel are not in the best of health, but he enjoys Mabel's 42 (!) descendants: "Quite a family for me, who had no children of my own," he writes. ■ **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** attended her grandson's graduation from the Univ. of WI and visited with other members of her family in the Midwest. A five-year old wanted "to be very sure that Grandma (Gertrude) was going to be there." ■ Carroll and **Virginia Easler Wilson**'s most recent trip was a visit to Key West. Last May, they took a cruise along the coast of Portugal and France, with many shore excursions. ■ Gertrude, the Wilsons, and **Avis Fischer** still enjoy their respective retirement communities in NH, Sarasota, and PA. Avis awaits a letter from the eight-year-old Thai boy she recently adopted under the auspices of the Pearl Buck Foundation. ■ When **Alma Davis Struble** attended the reunion of a high school class, she found that several of her students had *great*-grandchildren (one had *seven*). That was definitely an aging experience! ■ **Natalie Dunsmoor** recently made her six and one-half mile Walk for Hunger, as usual, and has enjoyed many family visits. She has talked to **Doris Anderson Carlson**, who is enjoying Briarwood. Nat sang with the Alumni Choir at reunion time at Midd and learned that Dr. Stephen Freeman, our well-loved French teacher and 1995 reunion speaker, has suffered a stroke. We all wish him a rapid recovery. ■ A note from **Esther Johnson Whiting** contained no news of herself, from which we may presume that all goes well for Esther. ■ In retirement, **Millie Aubrey Monagan** is still actively interested in people and their problems. She recently sent an article on the varied and active pre-retirement careers of Wake Robin residents. ■ And now I must report that one more member of our class has left us. **Grace Elizabeth Bates** died November 19, 1996. At college she was a member of the French Club, active in volleyball, basketball, baseball, and hockey. She made the Dean's list in her sophomore year. After college she taught math at George school; she went on to teach at Sweet Briar, Mt. Holyoke, Berkeley, and Dartmouth. She received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Middlebury. Our class sends sympathy to her brother and his family. ■ We are also sad to report the death of **Ken Rudd**'s widow, Marian, on July 8. During the 13 years she survived Ken, she continued to be in contact with Midd friends. We send our condolences to their children and grandchildren.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Mr. Richard Dempewolff, RR 1, Box 29E, Henryville, PA 18332.*

Ginny Rich Woodman spent an early July week with **Ginny Phillips Whitney** in her lovely home in Blue Hill, ME. Don Westin '38, widower of **Bets Laws Westin**, was also a guest. A wonderful time was had by all, including **Barbara Lyons Steele**, who also lives in Blue Hill. They visited Islesboro and Winter Haven, and enjoyed good old Middlebury talk. ■ **Barbara Warner Barry** attended her youngest grandson's graduation from high school in Manchester, NH. He is now at the Univ. of MA, Amherst. Two grandchildren are in college and two are already out of college and working. A few years ago she almost sold her big house, but—like so many of us—found it hard to give up yet. Familiar surroundings and friends are important to us these days. ■ **Chris Conley Gifford** is sorry she isn't corresponding very well, so her friends will be glad to hear that she is all right. Slowing down as we all are, but she feels fortunate that her son and daughter-in-law live nearby so she sees them often. This is the second year she did not go to her camp in the Adirondacks for the summer; she misses it, but the distance and traffic are too much. ■ We regret to report the death of **Ruth Weaver Upson** on June 19, 1997. The sympathy of the class was sent to her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Deepest sympathy also goes to **Kay Chaffee Robinson**, who lost husband Ray last April; and to **Dick Hubbard**'s wife Vera, whose eldest son died in July. ■ **Ed** and **Ruth McNulty Howard** celebrated their 56th anniversary in June. Both still play a lot of golf, but have given up travel. Ruth made the April issue of *Glamour* in an article about keeping in touch with friends. Granddaughter Meredith graduated from Amherst with high honors in biochemistry and will teach at Cal Tech. ■ **Mal Gross** is still active on the golf course and in church work. He and wife Esther have moved to a retirement home at 944 St. Andrews Blvd., Naples, FL 34113. ■ **Mary Williams Brackett** returned to Midd for the 50th Reunion of '47, the last class admitted to the then "Womens' College." She reports meeting friends from classes near ours, among them Walt Brooker '37, Bill Craig '37, and Sue Hathaway Hopper '37. ■ **Frank Boyce** writes that his retired son, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren now live with him in Sarasota. He still plays golf three days a week, reads a lot, and *tries* to take care of the house. "If I take off my glasses, it looks better," he notes. He and **Bill Dawes** keep in touch periodically via phone and visits. ■ **Dode Wall Roberts**' plans called for "baby-sitting" a 14-year-old grandson in Tucson, AZ, in September. She kept busy all summer hostessing family members, turning out shell lobster magnets for New England gift shops, and taking up water coloring. ■ **Dick Chase** and wife Ann were theatre-goers to five summer shows at the Olgonquit Playhouse in ME, and five more at the American Stages Festival in NH. Dick still plays in the town band, with 22 summer concerts on the schedule, plus 10 this winter. Their eldest son was up from TX, where he was involved in a blues festival, with proceeds going to a scholarship fund. ■ Guests at a mid-June luncheon given by **Maggie Leach Harris** included **Marion Cole Morhouse**, her sister Zella Cole Hibbert '28, and nature writers Ron Rood and Will Curtis, both of whom can be heard on National Public Radio. Juanita Cook (widow of Doc Cook '24) and Louise Reichert (widow of Rabbi Reichert) were also guests at a Maggie luncheon last summer. ■ As of last June, **Dick Hubbard** is free and clear of all the heart problems that had been bothering him. He's been busy rebuilding his garden, and reports meeting up with **Arch Tilford** and **Maggie Leach Harris**, both of whom he reports active in local affairs. ■ **Harmony Buell Cobb** and husband Ray enjoyed a July trip to Italy and Germany, where they visited friends of Ray. They tend a big garden at Ray's house in Wellfleet, on the Cape, where they spend summers. Harmony still reads once each week to a blind friend. ■ After 12 years, **Phil Taft** has left the Red Cross board. He's recently back from a rough but fantastic visit to Antarctica—not a trip for the faint of heart, says Phil. ■ **Melba Spalding Leonard** and husband George put in another big vegetable garden last spring, although they threaten each year to make it smaller. Melba still helps out at the Dover library and at Dover Center. ■ **Charlie Startup** and wife are both reception desk volunteers at their local hospital. They returned from a July vacation at Harbor Springs, MI, with two new family members—six-month-old puppies that, Charlie reports, "certainly liven things up around here."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 671 Park Ave., #45, Keene, NH 03431.*

Chuck and Helen Cosenza '38 **Chase** moved to a new apartment in Keene during the summer. They plan to move to Kendall in Hanover, NH, "when there's a place for us in that retirement community." Your class secretaries are looking forward to hearing from classmates and reporting your news in this space. ■ We regret to report the death of **Harriet Spaulding Harrington** on July 12. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

A "freshman" picnic circa 1934 (see 1938 column)

A June mini-reunion of 1938 classmates (see 1938 column)

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301; and Mr. Allison S. Beebe, 872 Bird Bay Way, Venice, FL 34292.*

Classmates will be saddened to learn of the death of **Bertha (Betty) Strait Moseley** on May 17, 1997, at the Albany Medical Center. Although Betty had put up a long and courageous fight against Parkinson's disease, it was Guillaine-Barré that terminated her life. Guillaine-Barré is an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves, characterized by the rapid onset of weakness and often, as in Betty's case, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face. Only those close to her know how courageously she met this final challenge. She attended Poughkeepsie schools, earned a degree in library science and became a librarian and teacher in several schools. She had lived in Hyde Park since 1929 and was a winter resident of Bradenton, FL, and a member of several genealogy clubs, as well as the DAR, and the VT Society of Mayflower Descendants. Middlebury friends who were able to attend her memorial service included **Becki Abbott Brooks, Bet Osborne Hadden Peelor**, and **Madeline Buttles**. Betty never missed her Class of 1938 reunions. We send the sympathy of the class to her husband, Robert E. Moseley, and to all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Jean Clarke Gage** on June 17. The sympathy of the class goes to her sister and her two sons. ■ We have a change of address for **Ruth Sheldon Pratt**, who moved on April 25 to *Bella Vita*, a retirement facility about five miles from her former residence. Ruth is enjoying independent living and three meals a day at 1420 E. Venice Ave., A214, Venice, FL 34292 (941/483-4471). In a recent letter, she writes of a special family reunion: "Both sons and families were here for about 10 days. They both rented condos down by Venice Beach and spent a lot of time in the pool and on the beach. The first day I celebrated my 80th birthday in great style. Dave came 4,000 miles from OR and John, Jr., from Rochester, NY. They all liked my apartment in the retirement center, *Bella Vita*. I was lucky to sell my house in a month and had a big sale with the help of friends." Ruth concludes her letter: "My little adopted granddaughter (2) is adorable—so friendly with everyone." ■ A letter dictated by **Elizabeth Galvin Davis** provides us with some information concerning her health. She dictates and son Gary serves as secretary. "In November 1994, I had a severe stroke and was hospitalized for almost a year. I now reside at Verdelle Village in St. Albans. There remains some hope that I may be able to return home, but the stroke took my ability to stand or walk without help." Elizabeth is fortunate that son Gary is nearby to provide support. It was good to receive this bit of information, Elizabeth, and we hope you will stay in touch. ■ **Paul Buskey** is justly proud of taking third place in the National Indoor 80 Year Doubles Tennis Championships. He writes: "Hanging in there after prostatectomy some years ago and getting around pretty well. We do a lot of work in our big yard and garden with our citrus and avocado trees, azaleas, camellias, impatiens, etc." ■ Sr. **Gertrude Stevens**, OSB, writes: "Now that I'm 80, my working time has been cut in half, and I no longer hobble around the kitchen with my hands full of breakables. Instead, I sit in a light, airy corner, preparing vegetables. For several years, I've had a bright blue cane with four paws. No problem, with a cell on the ground floor. Its door opens toward the choir and its big window toward a mass of green—blue spruce, maples, and so forth. *Deo gratias*!" Sr. Gertrude (formerly Monica) has been a cloistered nun for many years and is now located in Quebec. ■ **Jim** and **Florence Hulme Miner** are "hanging in there" in spite of Jim's many physical problems. They enjoyed another cruise in the Caribbean in the spring and went to their camp on St. Albans Bay for the summer. ■ There are now three members of the class of '38 living at Wake Robin, since **Art** and Beverly Browning '39 **Gilbert** moved there a few months ago. ■ **Beulah Hagadorn**, who spent the summer at her camp on Lake Champlain, met **Madge Eddy Boardman** and **Maddy Buttles** for a get-together at Hearthside Restaurant in Rutland. ■ **Janet Randall Morgan**, who is involved in a literary volunteer course for conversational English), particularly enjoys teaching a Mexican woman. "We have the best time talking about everything—children, health, food, nutrition, families, and customs in Mexico and U.S. I have learned a lot from her. She taught me how to make tortillas and I gave her instructions in roasting a turkey. I also volunteer at our local Willow Park in Westerly. I have learned a lot about gardening, which I try to apply in my own garden. This year the weeds are growing like mad, but the flowers—especially the roses which Dale cared—for are fantastic." ■ **Betty Gates Tuttle** writes: "Tut and I find Kendal (a retirement village in Hanover, NH) a utopia for this—our third age. Quaker values set the tone for this unique CCRC." There are about 70 committees made up of residents, running everything from nightly programs of chamber music, to environmental and medical lectures. This in addition to Dartmouth College offerings. "Retirement" hardly fits the character of this active residential community, she adds, describing several residents, ages 85-95, who are "keen minded, active, and wonderful role models for our third age." ■ **Tommy Leslie Hall**, who keeps us posted on the activities of the "Tanglewood 5" writes: "In June **E. Barnum Gardner** and Frank, Tut and **Betty Gates Tuttle**, Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall**, John and **Nonny Allen Leslie**, and Dale and **Jan Randall Morgan** enjoyed two days at the Leslie farm in Reading, VT. Between memories shared, 2much laughter, plus several serious discussions, the time passed quickly. Jan Morgan adds that during a subsequent visit to the Halls in Shelburne, "several drove to Midd to see the breathtaking, awesome, and beautiful exhibit of glass forms by Dale Chihuly. We walked up Chapel Hill to the book store, stopping to check on Em's tulip tree and to say a prayer, and viewed the recently renovated board room in Old Chapel, with the latest in comfort and technology computer access." ■ Speaking of visiting Middlebury, be sure to start making plans to there for our 60th Reunion, May 29-31, 1998. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Ruth Sheldon Pratt** sent a photo of the freshman girls who lived at the Eddy House (1 South St.) during the year 1934-35. Enjoying a picnic with them on the bank of Otter Creek were Mrs. Janet Kingsley, their house mother, and Mrs. S.E. Allen, mother of **Nonny Allen Leslie**. Nonny is not pictured, so she probably snapped the photo. ■ A happy gathering at the Lincoln Inn on June 18 included (front row) **E. Barnum Gardner, Jan Randall Morgan, Nonny Allen Leslie, Betty Gates Tuttle**, (back row) Irving "Tut" Tuttle, **Tommy Leslie Hall**, Dale Morgan, Frank Gardner, Charlie Hall, and John Leslie.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Thomas and **Gertrude Bittle Murray** are proud of their grandson Andy LaVallée. They inform us that Andy's poem, entitled "Heritage," received an Editor's Choice Award as a contribution to the Treasury of Poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry and released this summer. "Andy wrote the poem as a gift to us for our 55th wedding anniversary on August 16, 1996." ■ We regret to report the death of **Anna Sprague Munson** on April 23 in Johnson City (TN) Medical Center. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Bob Lord** and Barbara appreciated the beautiful architecture of Prague and Budapest on their trip to Europe in March. Reporting that the people of Eastern Europe are trying to adopt American culture, he hopes they will be selective in their choices. In celebration of their 30th anniversary, the Lords toured the Gaspé peninsula in July, having been inspired by Prof. Stephen Freeman's description of a vacation he took in there in the '30s. We hope Bob will have the opportunity to talk to Dr. Freeman about the trip at our 60th Reunion. ■ Marjorie and **Bud Wolcott** vacationed in northern Ontario, Canada. For his 80th birthday last year their children gave them a cruise on the *Queen Elizabeth* through the Panama Canal to the West Coast this November. Marge's father was involved with building the Canal, so it will be an interesting experience. This news came from **Ruthie Skinner**, who mentioned that her Dartmouth graduate father worked on the Canal and her brother was born there. When Bud saw Betty Romeo recently, they exchanged many stories of their long acquaintance when **Ed Romeo** was alive. ■ Ruthie had a visit

with **Dot Korb Carter** in Newport recently. **Beverly Browning Gilbert** entertained Ruthie, **Marjorie Marsh Veronneau**, and **Louise Roberts Avery** for lunch at her place in Willsboro, VT. After a wonderful time having a delicious lunch, they all visited Bev's daughter's cottage for dessert and coffee. Bev and Art Gilbert are now living in their condo at Wake Robin. ■ **Marge Veronneau** had a wonderful visit with Frank and **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** in CO. She was enthusiastic about their hospitality and their interesting life style. Frank had a fall on his bicycle and missed skiing last winter, but was looking forward to being back on the slopes this winter. ■ **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** and daughter Gwenda Gustafson Malnati '67 attended the biennial meeting of the Thomas Minor Society in Mid-July (Where were you, **Frank Parker**?) in Salt Lake City, UT. Gwenda, who has become a "demon genealogist," spent many hours at the Morton Library and complex. One of the treats for Thor, during the week celebration of the 150th anniversary week of the founding of the city and state by the Mormons, was a horse parade consisting of approximately 1,200 horses sized from ponies as small as dogs up to brewery hitches. We followed the convention with a memorable trip to Zion, Bryce, and Capitol Reef national parks, plus Native American villages and fantastic landscapes along the connecting roads. We were joined on this beautiful part of the trip by son Tim, his wife, and our three granddaughters, who had motored in from Los Angeles.

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Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Verna George Bain is proud of "being able to stay active and contribute to the enjoyment of other folks in Walkabout International, which is my primary interest since retirement. I was the planner, walk leader, tour escort for a group of 34 Walkabout folks for a trip which allowed us to walk the streets of the lovely city of Victoria, BC, for four days, followed by another four days on the island of San Juan, state of WA. In addition, I am VERY lucky that I have a son, a granddaughter, and great-granddaughter living in Diego, so I see them often. My other son and family are in Seattle, but we manage to get together once or twice a year." ■ **Donald Noonan** is proud of his great-grandson (2) and his great-granddaughter (7 mos.). He also has two granddaughters who have finished college, one in college, and two grandkids in high school. Happily retired since 1981, Don spends winters in Hamburg, NY, and summers at Rushford Lake, NY. Congratulations to the Noonans, who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. ■ Randolph and **Beverly Barton Hall** had a wonderful party with their children, their children's spouses, and all but one of their siblings in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. "We made it! Looking forward to the 55th now." The Halls spent the summer in New England, as usual. ■ Word has been received of the resignation of **Bob Pickard** as our class agent. What a job he has done for us these many years! Our 60th is coming soon and we will all need to give all the support we can to Bob's successor. ■ We regret to report the death of **Priscilla Bateson Eldredge** on June 2. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Ruth was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year. At the time of our 50th Reunion, Priscilla referred to her career as that of "professional volunteer," and her record attests to her involvement in many good causes. Her family was her greatest joy and she was also active at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich Yacht Club, Potowomut Golf Club, and RI Senior Women Golf Assoc. She and her husband, Henry P. Eldredge, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary last October. We send the sympathy of the class to Henry and to son Charles, daughter Susan, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

__Ralph W. "Duke" Latham__ has been checking up on Middlebury on the Internet, but could not locate any e-mail from '41. Apparently most of us have yet to join the computer age.

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Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Howard Hasbrouck and wife Ruth have enjoyed traveling since retiring almost 20 years ago. "We've been to AK, HI, China, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, England, Scotland and Wales, and the Scandinavian countries, with a side trip to Leningrad, Russia." In September they were going on a Mediterranean and Atlantic cruise from London to Rome. ■ **Margaret Shaub** traveled with Meg Kielman Sitterly '40 for a marvelous Elderhostel in western Turkey in fall 1996. Margaret highly recommends the experience. She still enjoys living in Burlington. ■ Priscilla and **John Hicks**, on their way home to Carmel, CA, after a trip to Ireland and a sailing sojourn in ME, visited the Middlebury campus for a late June weekend. While there, they joined **Les Ingalls** for Sunday afternoon refreshments. ■ Our very own Colonel **House**, **Summy** that is, remains at his home in Hyde Park, VT, where he is an active hospital volunteer, golfer, and gardener. One of his daughters, who is the acting director of VT's Medicare program, lives nearby in Jericho. ■ **Ralph W. "Duke" Latham** has been checking up on Middlebury on the Internet, but could not locate any e-mail from '41. Apparently most of us have yet to join the computer age. Duke and Peg planned an August trip west to visit their daughter, followed by a nine-day bus tour of the Grand Tetons. Still playing golf and tennis twice a week. ■ In early May, **Laddie Evans** entertained **Alice Noppel Knight**, **Hope Smith Marshburn**, and **Miggles Whittlesey** at her home in North Myrtle Beach, SC. There were several days of catching up on the news and dining out at marvelous restaurants. **Shirley Metcalfe Handforth** couldn't join the group, as she was not ready to travel following hip surgery. She and Carl drove to New England last summer, stopping for lunch with Miggles. ■ **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** has moved to Wake Robin retirement village. Her new address is 4118 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05428. ■ Jack and **Helen West Burbank** had a fascinating trip with Interhostel of UNH to the Dordogne region of France where, by chance, they met several Midd alums. Small world. The Burbanks, **Moses** and **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard**, and **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** met in May in Auburn, NY, to attend a memorial service for **Dodie Lathrop Riggs**. The eulogies by friends and family emphasized what we all knew about Dodie—her sense of responsibility, her good nature and great sense of humor, her care for other people, her love for the children in her day care center, and her service and dedication to her family, friends, her town, and our College. ■ On June 17, **Barbara Turkington Kirk** died at her home in Rockport, MA. She and her late husband, John M. Kirk '39, were strong supporters of the College; their generosity provided us with the Kirk Alumni House at the golf course. Our sympathies extend to her two grandsons, John M. Kirk III '86 and J. Douglas Kirk. ■ On July 4, **Janice Eldredge Day** died at her home in Malibu, CA. She and her late husband, Frank, were also generous contributors to Middlebury. Together they entertained many undergraduates at their home, sponsored many prospective admission candidates, and gave substantially of their resources to enhance the College's financial coffers. Jan was a regular participant at class reunions where she frequently enlivened the occasion with a merry jape. True devotion to alma mater indeed! Our condolences go to her daughter, Janna, and her sister, Nancy. At memorial services on July 23 in West Andover, MA, our class was represented by **Charlotte Miller Karr** and **Willard Littlehale**, and in Santa Monica, CA, on August 6 by **John Hicks**. (See page 71.)

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Letters continued to arrive over the summer from those of you who attended reunion and enjoyed the relaxation and time to visit. We also received letters from those who missed it. ■ **Phil Rifenberg** wrote about their travels to VT and NH last fall. Stopping at Midd, they found the students nice and friendly—and young. They were leaving in September for a tour of England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. Apparently I made a remark about **John Comstock** finding Phil in Venice, FL. Phil thought that funny, as he and John go way back to Boy Scout days. ■ Dr. **Scott Morrow** is proud of the hard years he spent as a rocket scientist in the Sputnik-Post Sputnik era. He did good work on new propellants for rockets and cannon. He reports that he "enjoyed work with light and electron microscopes more than anything else." ■ A granddaughter of the late **Anthony Wishinski** will compete in the Prix de Lausanne International Ballet Competition this winter in Switzerland. Melissa Wishinski (15) began studying ballet at age 11 and is reportedly "one of the most gifted students to emerge from the School of the Hartford Ballet." In fund raising for Melissa's competition fee and travel expenses, the Hartford Ballet has asked Plainville citizens to "be Melissa's Santa Claus," alluding of course to Tony's famous role as Plainville's own Santa Claus. ■ Arlene and **Bob Bredenberg** motorhomed from October '96 to May '97 in AZ, NV, and CO. Next came reunion, then biking, hiking, and trout fishing. Not a bad life! ■ A P.R. (post reunion) card arrived from **Joan Calley Cooper** about a P.R. reunion in NH with the **Ottingers** (Harry and **Susan**

Hulings), **Councils** (Howard and **Margi Fell**), **Dottie Milligan Schuck**, and **Bill Wood**. Diane and Joe Wood '68 joined them. Joan talked to Tommy Ring '44 **Hennefrund**, who said she and **Bill** were both fine. And a later note from Bill said they hoped to visit Joan this summer. Also, he promised to come to our 80th. If you're there, you run it! ■ **Dave** and Carol Hartman '43 **Smith** closed their Chipman Heights home for their summer digs, but by the time you read this, they'll be back there putting up the Christmas tree! ■ Evelyn **Yeomans** wrote a short note to tell us that **Ed** died on June 12. She enclosed a newspaper clipping about the extraordinary deeds he performed as a marine at Iwo Jima and Saipan, where he was wounded. He was promoted to captain during the war. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We (**Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates**) had another lovely trip to Nova Scotia with our daughter and husband and son to our favorite haunts and the spectacular Tattoo. We added a successful whale watching trip in the Bay of Fundy and ate our weight in lobsters and scallops. Then we visited friends in New England. Saw Marge and **Jim Cornwall** and had lunch with others at the old Northampton railroad station, now beautifully renovated. Stayed in a condo at Jiminy Peak and made our annual visit to the Clark Museum in Williamstown to enjoy the Renoirs. After three operations, the doctor finally got my (Nancy's) eyes so I could see. We were heading to WI in mid-August to see our son and family there. We catch up with the two in Greensboro often and will see our FL ones in January. Our daughter Peg has been running horse shows and judging, but is riding again, so that's kind of fun. Life here is delightful. Many interesting people from various places and jobs. We love being in the mountains which we see from our windows, and are close to music and theatre events. I'm getting used to not cooking (it wasn't a strain), though we do have a kitchen. We'd encourage any of you to look into three-stage living facilities and would welcome any of you passing near Ashville or Hendersonville. We have a guest room, good food in the dining room, and many golf courses. ■ Please make two additions to the obit list in our class book. Due to computer glitches, two names were omitted: **Leonie Vuoto Choquette** (May 14, 1994) and **Richard Files** (April 21, 1995).

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I spent 10 years as a student spread among four colleges and universities preparing for the most gratifying career I can imagine in teaching and administration spanning 41 years.

Hal Parker

1944

1943

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Monitoring the migration of '43ers through Cape Cod during the summer, **Skip Wilkins Dimond** saw Win and **Peggy Bowles Smith**, Gordon and **Ginny Carpenter Halstead**, Bob and **Ruth DeLong Rude**, and **Mary Ouimette**. Skip has resigned as chairperson of the Long Wharf Auxiliary in New Haven, CT, and went to Scotland on an Elderhostel in September. ■ **Jean Jordan Shield** recently returned from an Alaskan trip. She and John were looking forward to their 40th wedding anniversary. ■ Rod and **Ginny Clemens Lowman** expect to be at the 55th, shortly after they return from an Elderhostel in Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico. ■ **Ed** '40 and **Barbara Roberts Ormsby** are proud of their granddaughter, Megan Stoehr '00, who loves being a student at Middlebury. As they point out, "Time certainly flies!" ■ Since having two coronary artery bypass operations, **Peter Nikitas** reports he's doing quite well cardiac-wise, with only rare angina. Sounded great on the phone! He's planning to see everyone at the 55th in May. ■ **Stu Walker**'s most exciting news is that at age 74 he's been selected as a member of the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team in the Soling class, which puts him in the top four such sailors in the U.S. Congratulations! His ninth book on sailing, Sailor's Wind (dealing with problems of low level wind flow) is coming out this winter. Stu was in Europe this summer, sailing in various regattas. With great joy he reported that his grandson was crewing for him. ■ **Art Rasmussen**, now nearly retired from the corporate world, was asked to address the 50th reunion of his Harvard Business School class last spring. In his speech, he described his efforts to improved the lot of children in the U.S. and around the world. He began by initiating two small upstate NY parent training programs, then provided startup funding for a family support major at Univ. of Chicago Graduate School of Social Service Administration. In 1995, he became a board member of the Institute for American Values, involved with an analysis of popular college textbooks on marriage, which he states tend to focus on the problems and risks, without mentioning the benefits. Concern about the impact on family life of the decline of civil society led him, with others, to form the Council on Civil Society, a partnership between the Institute and the Univ. of Chicago, which now works in conjunction with similar societies in the U.K., the Czech Republic, Canada, and Australia. He has also been involved in setting up a model telecenter, with a video conference room, training facilities for teleworkers, a cybercafe, a bookstore, and a computerized production and editing facility, all with the purpose of creating jobs in a depressed and stagnant area of upstate NY. As if that weren't enough, he's also working on a project to improve core liberal arts college curricula, another to encourage establishment of charter schools, and another for adoption law reform in NY State. He'll be back for the 55th Reunion to tell us more. ■ In Boothbay Harbor, ME, **Stan Tupper** is well and continues to practice law specializing in trusts, estates, and probate law. The law office has been in the family since 1890. Wife Jill, who formerly worked as a paralegal in their law practice, went to law school after their children finished school, was admitted to the bar three years ago, and now does the trial work. Daughter Lara works for Air Tours in England and son Stan is a landscape architect. Stan says he'll be at the 55th—as long as we get Earle Bishop there. ■ **Al Vickers** in Islesboro, ME, has given up his assessor's job, but is still a member of the Board of Appeals and treasurer of the Community Fund and Maple Grove Cemetery. And he still fishes. Wife Sally Tyler Vickers '42 takes care of the gardens, daughter Christina operates a pre-school, Virginia is a buyer for a microchip company, and son Tyler has become a marine carpenter. Difficulty with hearing in a group context will prevent Al from attending the 55th, we regret to report. ■ Remember that the next reunion will be a "MAXI," not a "mini," on May 28-31, 1998. We're pleased that many seem to have these dates in mind. We'll be quartered in Gifford—where elevator service is available, in case you have a gimpy leg. Hope to have a questionnaire in the mail to you soon, asking for your input regarding the program.

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

Peter Jennison's career was chronicled in a recent spread in the Rutland (VT) *Daily Herald*. Pictured with the latest edition of *Vermont: An Explorer's Guide*, Peter celebrated his 75th birthday on July 2. He and wife Jane founded Countryman Press in 1973 and operated it until 1994 when they sold to W.W. Norton. "Selling to a big New York City publisher was an emotional wrench," he said—"like selling the family farm." He refers to the present reliance of the big book buyers on computers (how well an author sold before, what type of book sold before, etc.) as "the Bill-Gates-is-God mentality." However, he is "optimistic enough to think there will always be a large number of people who would rather curl up with a book than a computer game." In 1996, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Vermont Book Publishers Assoc. for his contributions to publishing. Now officially retired, he continues to write for *Vermont Magazine* and still works with co-author Christina Tree to bring out a new edition of *Vermont: An Explorer's Guide* every two years. ■ In response to the magazine card insert asking what he's proud of, **Hal Parker** had a lot to say. He's "proud of a lot of things: proud of my wife, children, and grandchildren; proud of my friends and of most of the things my country stands for and does; but the essence of my pride in retirement is that I spent 10 years as a student spread among four colleges and universities preparing for the most gratifying career I can imagine in teaching and administration spanning 41 years. In those happy years I taught sociology and anthropology to more than 10,000 students, impacted the lives of thousands of others as dean of students in two colleges, served countless others as director of admissions and transfer, placement, and academic counselor. Beyond these positions I was college varsity coach of lacrosse, track, and cross-country running for several years and served the N.C.A.A. as judge and referee of lacrosse and the A.A.U. as swimming and diving official for over 25 years. I am

most proud that in all of these activities I have helped thousands of young people become better students, athletes, teachers, and citizens than I ever became myself. All of this gives me great retrospective pleasure and happiness as I near the end of my first decade of productive retirement where I continue to serve my communities as volunteer Red Cross driver, docent in two local historical societies, member of my town's recreation and parks committee, officer in church, and other town committees." As for pride in his golf game, he replies, "Never, though I've been working on it for over 65 years!" ■ One year after the death of **Doris Orth Pike**, the town of Riverhead, NY, has created the Doris O. Pike Distinguished Service Award to recognize individuals who embody the generosity of spirit she demonstrated. Referring to her lack of need for recognition, her son Rob instructed the town to have in mind that the award is for people who give of themselves "not only above and beyond the call of duty, but below the radar," people like Doris who give very quietly, not expecting an award. ■ **Nancy Read** tells us she is returning to her home in CT from NJ. This will be a big step back into the adult life, after filling a very busy role as surrogate grandmother to Kevin Wetmore, grandson of her late dear friend. She helped Kevin's dad care for him during his toddler years until he is now launched in elementary school. A good job well done! ■ We were sorry to receive a call from **Jane Landes** with the sad news of the death of **Irving Wakeman** on August 13, after suffering a long bout with cancer. He is survived by wife **Muriel Roome Wakeman**, children Enid, Robert, Cindy, and Alan; and four grandchildren.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Marian Bailey Allen reports: While visiting friends in Mishaum Point, MA, last June, we drove over to Jamestown, RI, one day (a 50-minute ride) to see **Barbara Drury Sand** and her husband, Barrett. I had not seen Dru in almost 50 years and had never met Barrett. After a nice visit in their home, which overlooks Naragansett Bay, Barrett drove us all over to Newport, where we toured Rosecliff, one of the loveliest of the big "cottages" over there. Then we all lunched at Christie's, followed by the famous 10 Mile Drive. It was a happy mini-reunion. I hope, dear classmates, that you will write to Peter or me about your comings and goings and happenings. We would all love to hear about them.

How many bright-eyed classmates spotted our own ***Charlie Cutting*** *in the Wake Robin ad on page 11 of the spring issue? The accompanying ad copy must have been written with Charlie in mind.*

1944

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.), 10 Inverness Rd., 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Barbara Busing Harris's husband Pete—Class of '44, but also an honorary member of our class—has been featured in several newspapers around NH recently. Playing saxophone, Pete is a member of the four-piece "Once in a While Band," a group of retired musicians (ages 74 to 89) who play all the old "Big Band" tunes for highly appreciative audiences. Bud (T. Holmes) Moore '42 is the leader of the band and a trumpet player. The group performs music from the early 1900s to 1940s for listening and dancing. The Middlebury Black Panthers have an afterlife! ■ **Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom** is proud of her husband "who is able to be gainfully employed when most of his peers have retired. An award-winning fund raising executive, he is interim VP of Peace College in Raleigh, NC. He plays golf on Saturdays." Everett and Mary Elizabeth spent their 49th anniversary in Asheville at a conference with First Counsel, Inc., colleagues in fund raising careers. Mary Elizabeth's daughter, Ellen Nordstrom Baer, relayed greetings from **Avery** and Peg Rowland '45 **Post** of her home town, Norwich, VT. The Posts' granddaughter is one of Ellen's voice students. A regional opera singer and pedagogue, Ellen has recently been recruited by St. Paul's School in addition to teaching voice at Plymouth State College of UNH. ■ How many bright-eyed classmates spotted our own **Charlie Cutting** in the Wake Robin ad on page 11 of the spring issue? The accompanying ad copy must have been written with Charlie in mind. Hope you got to see it. ■ The Return of the Native: Both **Rebecca Fraser Cremer** and **Mary Caswell Jones** spent time in VT this summer, visiting family and friends. Becky traveled by car from Reno with her cousin and then back to see her children in the West, while Cas drove from Muncie. Cas reports that her phone number area code has been changed to 765. More about Cas: One of your class secretaries made a grave mistake in the summer issue of this magazine, referring to her as Mary Caswell Ingalls. (Okay, it was me—Cam) Cas has graciously accepted my apology. ■ We received a great letter from **Bette Royce** of Denver, CO: "Thinking back to what I have been doing since last year's reunion, I have covered a lot of territory. First I joined friends of my TX brother on a trip to England. All of us being antique car buffs, we went over specifically for the 100th anniversary of the London-Brighton Antique Car Run. None of the members of the group took a car, but we did a lot of touring around the Cotswolds and seeing old car museums. The 'Run' itself was wonderful. Not a single car could be newer than 1905, and there were 620 cars that started. They came from all over the Continent, the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand. More than 580 finished the run (50 miles) in the allotted time. We traveled by bus along the route the cars took and got down to Brighton in time to see over half of the cars finish. Quite a sight! Then in early February I joined a group from the Natural History Museum for a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. We visited many ruins which I had not seen before, off the beaten track. Many were small cities, but a lot of work is being done at many of these sites. We were able to have the chief archaeologists at several of the places take us around and explain their findings. Just the kind of trip I love. In March a friend of mine joined me to drive down to Austin, TX, for a symposium and workshop on some of the latest findings in the Maya world and new decipherments of glyphic inscriptions. It is so amazing to me how much of the history of these people has come to light in the last 10 years. I think I shall stay put in this part of the country for most of the summer, visiting some areas of CO which I haven't seen for many years. Then in September several friends of mine and I are going on an Elderhostel to Malta which sounds very intriguing." Very intriguing, indeed, Royce! When will your book be published? ■ A call from **Edith Callaghan Olden** informed the College of the July 29 death of former roommate **Eleanor Sauer Sniffen**. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1947

Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 520 Stanwich Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831.*

Your new class secretaries, **Jinny Stowell James** and **Phillip Briggs**, would like to take this opportunity to thank our predecessors for their wonderful work in keeping all of us in touch these last five years. Kudos to **Betsy Hornaday Fry** and **Joyce Walsh Heath** for a job well done. We ask all of our classmates to continue sending news to us at our addresses above. Be sure to mail in the card you will find inserted for your news in each magazine—and please put us on your holiday greeting list! Best wishes to all for the holidays!

1948

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Multiples of 10 stir up memories and we are hearing from more of you preparing for our reunion (May 28-31, 1998). Let's hear it from others. For those of you who don't see the whole news you sent, it has been through some editing to save the *Magazine* from being swallowed by class notes. ■ **Tom Johnson**, now living in an old farmhouse a few miles west of Midd, addressed the Camden High School Alumni Association. Its annual banquet in June took place in the town where Tom received his elementary and secondary education. His topic: "Growing up in the 1930s in Camden." ■ Reading out-of-town newspapers turned up a very complimentary editorial in the *New Haven Register* on **Larry Willard**'s photo exhibit in Wilton, CT: "What Willard produced...bears his unique touch, artistic and universal...in planning and presenting images of the news." Larry has sent a great collection of negatives taken during those long-ago years when he was never on campus without a camera. They will be deposited in the college archives. ■ **Betty Robbins Otorowski** is proud of her daughter, "a Syracuse nursing graduate, graduating from Boston College with a nurse practitioner's degree while raising

Florida visitors to Pat Allen Guthrie, above and below (see 1949 column)

a young family." She also takes pride in her son, "with a law and business degree, succeeding as a lawyer and a businessman." Betty enjoys her career as a freelance artist. She is also celebrating 50 years as a skier, a career begun seriously in college. Formerly an Aspen, CO, resident, she now lives on Bainbridge Island, WA. ■ **Jack Hale** is proud of being elected chairman of the Placer County Commission on Aging, as well as treasurer of Area 4 Agency on Aging. "These agencies have the fastest growing senior population in CA. The Commission is an advocate for seniors from Sacramento to the NV border." ■ **Livia Remmler Rosman** and husband Dick are enjoying retirement. Livia still does the independent study German course for the Univ. of CA. Last fall they traveled in Europe—mostly Germany. She's proud of Dick for starting to learn German, with her as a tutor. She's also proud of receiving a 20-year pin as a docent at the Audubon Canyon Ranch on Bolinas Lagoon. Daughter Karin (who is in educational/environmental education public relations in Oakland, CA) was married to Michael Shellenberger in CO during the annual Remmler family reunion. Son Rich is an aerospace engineer for Boeing in Seattle; daughter Rebecca studies at Antioch College in L.A. Son Ian MacDonald (who does oceanography research in the Gulf of Mexico) and wife Ann Blake have two children, Colin (7) and Basil (4), in TX. Livia closes, "We've traveled north, south and east in our camper van. Hopefully we'll make it to the 50th next year."

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

After retiring from his pediatrics practice in 1985, **Philip Deane** "worked in third world countries, teaching and providing medical service six months of the year. Built my retirement home in the San Juan Islands in the other six months. Active in local community in many roles. We travel a lot and enjoy 10 grandchildren." ■ **Norman E. Joslin** is proud of his 17 years on the NY State Supreme Court Bench. He was also president of the Assn. of Supreme Court Justices of the State of NY. He is proud of their four children and six grandchildren, "all of whom ski with me at Stratton Mountain in VT and sail and water ski at the Buffalo Canoe Club." ■ **Frank Colcord** taught 17 years in the political science department at Tufts, where he was dean of arts and sciences for eight years. Now he has finally *fully* retired, after a few years of part-time teaching at Tufts since his formal retirement in June '94. "I've become a 'Harvard man' now as a member of the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement, a great organization that keeps about 500 minds very active, studying all the things we wished we'd had time for in undergrad school. I'm both a student and a teacher there—in the fall, I will offer a course called 'Boston 1900,' examining our city 100 years ago at the last turn of the century." Frank sends warm regards to everybody. ■ **Frances Turner** was elected to the position of water commissioner in Egremont, MA, in May. "I expect to have an interesting year as a member of this new three-person board," she reports. Frances and husband Frederick have four grown children. ■ **Felix Rohatyn** was sworn in as the new U.S. Ambassador to France on August 12. An internationally recognized expert in corporate mergers and acquisitions, public policy and business economics, Felix was nominated in July by President Clinton to fill the post left vacant with the death of Pamela Harriman last February. Felix speaks impeccable French, has lived in France, and is respected by the business and financial communities in France and the U.S. He also received the Legion of Honor from France in 1983. ■ We regret to report the death of **Olaf Remmler** on July 1, 1997. **Bill Kroeck** writes, "I used to bump into him occasionally when I was living in Boulder in the '60s. He sang in the College choir, as did I." We send the sympathy of the class to his sister, Livia Remmler Rosman '48, and all the family. ■ Class Secretary **Hal Richardson** reports: Woodstock, VT, antiques dealer **Jack Barlow** is "doing fine." In the winter he lives in Winchcombe, England—a good source for his "antiquing." ■ In Wayland, MA, **Roger Casavant** is enjoying retirement, except for a bit of emphysema. A dealer in rare books, Roger travels to Europe, the U.K., Pennsylvania Dutch Country, and Williamsburg. He recently took part in his Battalion reunion for his special commando outfit, and hopes to make it back to our 50th Class Reunion. ■ **Gid LaCroix** is retired in Arlington, VT, where he helps his wife with her antiques business. They enjoy their Clydesdale horses and hope to make it back to our 50th Reunion. ■ **Ernie Lawson**, Lunenburg, VT, is also retired. His interesting background includes teaching French and Spanish for two years in Japan, traveling to London and Ireland, and helping a local librarian for eight years. Ernie reports that **Bill von Dreele** received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at Middlebury Commencement '97. He was cited by President McCardell as being a communications executive at IBM for 25 years, as well as a contributing editor for William Buckley's *National Review*. Bill has a mastery of poetic forms, combined with a keen interest in politics, and a wicked wit to deflate the pompous and expose the proud. ■ **Charlie Puksta**, Claremont, NH, has served as chairman of the Board of Governors for the NH Community Technical College System and as commissioner of the CT Valley Commission, charged with overseeing the CT River Valley. (We in the Hartford area are grateful, Charlie!) ■ Many of you will recall the profile on Roger Chapin '54 in the spring '97 issue (page 51). Reading the July *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, **Hal Richardson** found Roger quoted: "When I rushed and pledged the Middlebury Chapter, it was because they had some outstanding individuals, and because they think well as a group. Through almost a process of osmosis, my DU college experience made me more appreciative of how group participation and community involvement could enrich one's life." Roger later founded an organization called Help Hospitalized Veterans which has contributed millions of craft kits to brighten the lives and aid in the rehabilitation of veterans. ■ Class Secretary **Pat Allen Guthrie** reports: Anyone with information about **Dmitri Sazonoff** should be in contact with OK State Univ. Prof. Keith Tribble (fax 405-744-5733), who is doing research on Dmitri's Mother, Julia Sazonova, a Russian writer. The College last heard from Dmitri 20 years ago. ■ **Jean Scroggie** has resumed use of her original name on the occasion of her September move to NC, where, she reports, she and her "challenge level square dance partner, John Wichern, have retired to build their 'dream house' in Chapel Hill." Daughter Patricia Seixas recently moved to Naples, FL, and son Bill Seixas and wife Kerry Herschel live in CA with Jean's only grandchild, Miranda, born last New Year's Day. After 43 years in Westwood, MA, Jean looks forward to new surroundings, more genealogy research, and much more traveling—including our 50th. ■ **Tony** and **Cleone Jones Sporborg** were off to northwest Scotland for their anniversary. They were there in August to see the "heather on the hills." They travel to Scotland frequently. ■ From Jamesbury, NJ, **Alice Hardie** writes that she had a premonition that something was wrong before she received word of the December 20 death of **Helen Kline Kingsolver** (see memorial in spring '97 issue), because her annual card had not arrived. "For almost 50 years, Helen had kept the Christmas tradition, although we had only seen each other at our 35th class reunion—when we presented the class banner she had made." Alice writes of their "great expedition to Europe, after graduation and a few years' work to save money for the trip." Helen arranged their first stop—at the 1952 Winter Olympics in Norway—and then "we toured about, with stops wherever friends had bed or sofa. We were joined by **Harriet Miller Correll** in Denmark; Phil '48 and Sue Cooke Turnbull '48 hosted us in Germany; Jack and **Janet Corell Shahan** at their cabin above Innsbruck, Austria. After driving around for some five months, we rested in Paris. **Cindy Buehr Haas** was about to join me there when I followed Helen and Harriet home. They had family matters to attend to—Harriet to marry Janet's brother, Alan, and Helen to find a husband, which she very well did!" Alice also reports that "Bob and **Ginny Main Jennings** stayed over in February on a drive back to VT from FL. Ginny phoned **Lee Cunniff Ketzel** in KS, so we all mourned together. There was such love." She closes, "Now, we do celebrate the love and spirit we had at Middlebury." Although several are gone, "we can thank God we had them all together with us for a time." ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* Vero Beach, FL, winter residents Paul and **Ann Holt Watkins** got together with **Pat Allen Guthrie** and husband Dave. Ann volunteers in the Vero library second hand shop. Paul and Ann summer in Wellesley, MA. ■ George and **Rachel Adkins Platt** live outside of Rochester, NY, in the summer. They also enjoyed a visit with **Pat Allen Guthrie** in Vero Beach.

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkerbj@aol.com and parkeb@idt.net.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545); and Mrs. Barbara Kraft Packer (barbkraft@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

The theme of these notes is "Class of '50 busy and on the move." After **Ellie Flett Kingsland** retired, she and her husband took a trip to Scotland and enjoyed an Elderhostel in Phoenix. **Bett Carroll Notter** spent six weeks in Taos during the summer, enjoying a poetry workshop and showing her 12-year-old grandson the Four Corners Aztec ruins and other sights of the area. Watch for

an article by her in *Road and Bridge* magazine. In DC, she recently saw **Frank Schlesinger** at a reception also attended by another Midd grad who is chair of the Architecture School at Catholic Univ. ■ **George F. Ellison** was inducted into the Hughesville (PA) High School Academic Hall of Fame last May. As you know, George achieved eminence as a criminal and family court judge in VT, where he is remembered as a founder of Windsor County Partners, a nonprofit organization for first time juvenile offenders, the first in the state. Now retired with wife Molly on Cape Cod, he continues his involvement in the area of domestic violence, organizing educational community programs. His other interests include ornithology, environmental concerns, and public service. ■ According to a story in the *Denver Post*, **Wally Hubbard** is performing on the piano regularly at Denver's Lutheran Medical Center. The baby grand donated to the hospital a couple of years ago is located in the lobby, where skilled pianists often play to cheer the hospital patients and visitors. Our thanks to Dan Nyman '53 for sending along the article, which he received from his sister-in-law. ■ Bruce '51 and **Peg Stearns Burdett** are now settled in their new home in Sunapee, NH. The Burdetts both volunteer with the Women's Crisis Center. Peg is a library trustee and Bruce builds houses for bluebirds under the auspices of the Conservation Commission. The Burdetts joined Ed '48 and **Marnie Marvin Hubbard** in Middlebury May 4 to watch the final rehearsal of Brahms's *German Requiem*, part of the gala celebration of Prof. Emory Fanning's 30 years of music making at Midd. They said it was wonderful. They lunched that Saturday at Midd's Fire and Ice restaurant with **Claire Dufault Wilson** and **Virginia Worley Valpey**, who actually sang in the performance as Alumni Choir members. Claire is enjoying auditing courses at Wellesley College for free as a local senior citizen. Seniors in Middlebury may also audit courses by checking with the professor of the course they want to take. Claire also attended last summer's Berkshire Choral Festival, which has taken her in past years to Russia, China, Canterbury, and Santa Fe to perform in concert. ■ After their stay in Florence, Italy, last May, Tod and **Barb Kraft Packer** went on to visit daughter Judy and her family in Singapore. They all vacationed in Bali, which is truly the "Island of the Gods," according to Barb. The religion is a mixture of Hinduism and Buddhism. They stayed at Sanur Beach and Ubud, saw much scenic beauty, rice paddies, water buffalo, and lots of temples. ■ **Barbara Parker** enjoyed a family reunion (all three daughters and one son-in-law) in CO in July, then spent a long weekend in CA with her San Francisco daughter. She conquered several Rocky Mountains, did not fall off the raft in the CO River, and went on a seven-hour, 15-mile, class-A hike at Point Reyes, CA. Watch out, Adirondack Hiking Club—she's coming back! The music has begun again, and she's looking forward to performing in NY and NJ with her several choruses. The summer went all too fast, didn't it? As we write this, the cicadas are quieting down, and we're beginning to think about planting the fall mums and the spring bulbs. Do you like to be called a senior citizen? Parkerbj prefers being called an "old young person." ■ On a sad note, Carol Holmes Phillips '52 wrote us of the death of **Janet Stokes Cobb** on July 30. Janet was an excellent violinist and violist, having played with the Albany Symphony. She left three children and three grandchildren. We also lost classmate **John Franklin Haven** of Covina, CA on June 7. He played football at Midd and was Dean of Boys at Covina High School. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. Memorials appear in this issue.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

As we announced in the summer issue, **Willard Jackson** and Carolyn Bennett Wood '61 got hitched at the Wood ranch in TX last May. Their photo (page 53) reveals that the newlyweds unfurled the Middlebury banner, along with Chris Marlow '94, Missy Bennett Marlow '59, Norm '53 and **Joan Allen Armour**, Midd Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79, and Hugh Marlow '57. ■ **Tina Schweiker Herrlich** has lived in an old brick farmhouse in Colchester, VT, for 30 years. Her two children are in the Boston area. In addition to the health club (we are in good shape!), Tina is active in several volunteer groups: the Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, library book collections, and the historic Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington, where she is membership chair. ■ Another classmate lucky enough to live year-round in VT is **Joan Snell**. After graduate work at Syracuse and a Fulbright grant in Australia, Joan returned to teach high school. For the past 12 years she has been teaching history and geography at Burlington College. On weekends she returns to her family homestead in Cambridge, VT, with a wonderful view of Mt. Mansfield. ■ In Denver since Middlebury days, **Gretchen Storer Evans** founded and directs her own dance school. She also creates and markets the Gretchen Evans Designs dance skirt, sold internationally. Her interest in Midd continues as she attends local functions and interviews prospective students. She has children and grandchildren in Denver, Seattle, and Ft. Lauderdale. When asked about skiing, Gret replied, "More than ever—almost every day!" ■ **Lois Behrman Watson** has some real fish stories to tell, and you can read about one of them elsewhere on this page. ■ Now, here's one way to handle retirement: After a career as a French teacher, **Anne Monzert Greenleaf** has been very serious about tennis since 1990. Last year she and her partner were fourth in the U.S. for the USTA National Sr. Women's Doubles 3.0 level in Orlando. Congratulations! In between matches, Anne's at home in North Scituate, RI. She has a daughter and two sons. Good luck on the courts! ■ **Marshall Figgatt** sent the sad news of the death of his wife, **Sallie Iliff Figgatt**, on May 20, 1997. "The cause was matasticized lung cancer, although she had given up smoking 14 years ago. We had gone to Portugal for a whole month, a trip we had been planning for years—getting her out of that travel agency was no easy task. The third day she became very ill and had to be put in the hospital. After they had stabilized her we (our eldest son Tom came over to help) were able to bring her back on a stretcher with a medical team to JFK and an ambulance took her to Danbury, CT, Hospital to be near family in the Northeast." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Marshall concludes: "We made a pact last year at the reunion that—no matter what—whoever was around would attend the 50th. So, Lord willing, I'll be there!" Let's all resolve to be there! We send Marshall and the family our deepest sympathy. Many of us have happy memories visiting with Sallie last year at our 45th Reunion. ■ On another sad note, we must report the death of **Wendy Forbes** on July 31 at the age of 70. We all remember Wendy as the great athlete that he was during our four years at Middlebury, but he also returned to Midd as a great coach for many years. Memorials for Sallie and Wendy appear elsewhere in this issue.

Class Act

True Tyee

Sunset comes late to Queen Charlotte Sound in Northwestern British Columbia. It was 9:30 p.m. on July 6 when Lois Watson '51, who'd been fishing all day with her husband in a 17-foot boat, was quietly enjoying a vivid sky and bundling up against the rapidly cooling temperatures. Suddenly, there was a tug on her husband's line. A big tug.

In the next 45 minutes, Watson learned a few things about taking King Salmon. When six-foot swells sent her husband to help stabilize the boat, Lois took the fly rod. They had a young guide with them, who wrapped his arms around Lois to hold her in the boat.

"'Just don't look at the fish,' he told me," Lois says of her guide's advice. Her mission was to keep her eye on the rod tip. "When it bent down, I was supposed to let the line out; when the rod came up, I was supposed to reel it in."

After nearly an hour she reeled in a 32-pounder (salmon larger than 32 pounds are known as Tyee) and they've been eating it ever since. That and the dozen or so other (smaller) salmon they caught.

Watson usually fishes for brook trout — "lovely little fish up in northern Quebec" — but enjoyed the solitude and beauty of this salmon fishing trip enormously. Also an experienced pilot, Lois says that flying is much like fishing: "Mostly awfully boring, but sometimes awfully exciting."

1952

Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, 4 Chestnut Hill Rd., Montpelier, VT 05602.*

Chuck Ratté reports: Carol and I would like to take this opportunity to speak for the entire Class of '52 in extending a big THANK YOU to outgoing class secretaries **Ruth Eldridge Race** and **Bill Barber** for the fine job they have done in keeping us all informed over the past five years. Carol and I hope to be able to follow in their footsteps for the next five. Also Ruth and Bill did a great job organizing the 45th Reunion. No small task! Thank you very much. We also wish to recognize the great job of organizing and chairing the '52 Class Reunion Gift Committee done by **Shirley Herrman Andrews** and **Steve Baker**. Due to the efforts of this committee, our class had a participation rate of 62 percent. ■ Had a brief conversation with **Fred Larsen** at a recent geological meeting. Fred continues to chair the geology department at Norwich Univ. and was excited about moving into a newly renovated science building in the fall. Fred traveled west this summer, visiting geological sites and collecting samples for displays in the new building. ■ Many attendees at the 45th Reunion were asking about classmate **Fred Lake**, so we're undertaking a worldwide search for Fred. Maybe you're on the Internet, Fred—let us hear from you. ■ I met **Joe LaTaille** in a supermarket parking lot in Bath, ME, last summer. Now retired, Joe divides his time between ME (somewhere near Bath) and FL. Please let us have those addresses, Joe. ■ I heard from **Chuck Lauer** prior to Reunion and had hoped to see him there. Chuck's second book—*Reaching for the Stars*—has been published by Caffey Communications Inc. Congratulations, Chuck. ■ **Carol Whitham Brewster** reports: It was great seeing so many of you at our 45th Reunion. The '52 column in the summer issue was bountiful, thanks to Ruth and Bill. ■ A phone conversation with **Nate Whiteside**, who wasn't able to get to Reunion, filled us in on his plans to sell his business and his home in MI. They will spend winters in their new home on FL's gulf coast, north of Sanibel, where he's doing a lot of sailing. He and Mary still plan to ski out west every January and return summers to their lakeside cottage in MI. In June, Nate celebrated his 50th reunion at Kimball Union Academy. (My husband, Pat, also attended Kimball). ■ **Mary Halsted Francoeur** told us at reunion that she was leaving soon for Peru and we've asked her to send news of her travels. ■ **Polly Norton Polstein** is building a new home on Long Lake in North Bridgton, ME, not far from the 1800s home where she and Marty raised their family. Across the lake from Polly, son David and wife Emily—with sons Gus (5) and Harry (3)—are restoring a farmhouse for their summer home. Polly's son Matthew, who was married in the fall, owns New England Outdoor Center on Millinocket Lake (near Baxter State Park in ME) and runs New England White Water rafting trips on the Kennebec River from Caratunk, ME. ■ Henry and **Marian Olds Precht**, who recently moved from Cleveland, OH, to Bethesda, MD, were in England last May to greet new granddaughter Miranda, born in April. They also spent two weeks in Provence. During the summer, they entertained daughter Katherine and her British husband and three grandchildren from London at their summer home on Highland Lake in Bridgton, ME. ■ This fall my husband and I (**Carol Whitham Brewster**) entertained the British friends we visited in England last year. We were heading to CA for two weeks in September, cruising on my brother's boat, then off to Puerto Vallerta, Mexico, for a four-week stay. Last January I toured Cuba on a sustainable agriculture study trip and had an article published on organic farming in Cuba. I managed to log 30 downhill ski days last winter, using my senior all-mountain pass at Sunday River and Sugarloaf in ME and over at Sugarbush in VT. I look forward to 30-plus days this winter. ■ We are very sad to report the death of Ralph Stone, son of Fred and **Anne Upson Stone**, in Washington, DC, last July. Ralph earned a degree in music from Hamilton College, then joined the Peace Corps and worked as a volunteer English teacher in Zaire. With a master's in international educational development from Columbia Univ., he was studying for a doctorate at George Washington Univ. when he was found stabbed to death in his apartment. Ralph also designed and managed training courses for the empowerment of women in Third World countries through the Centre for Development and Population Activities in DC. As part of his work, he traveled to many remote areas of the world and touched the lives of many people. Our sympathy goes out to Anne and Fred and to all the family.

1953

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

Laura Chapman Rico is proud of her daughter, May Mitchell, who is now in her third year at Haven, a women's center in Modesto, CA, doing crisis intervention. Laura writes that she "was in Fairbanks recently when the Episcopal Diocese of AK elected its next bishop. Went aboard the steamboat *Nenana* and recovered lots of childhood memories." ■ **Dick Wagner** sent a card too late to be included in the summer issue that tells how much he is enjoying retirement. "I've been volunteering at the Owls Head Transportation Museum with Mike Hall '54. We give guided tours and drive the Model T Fords. The volunteers are now assembling a 1910 Farman Biplane to be flown this summer." His family increased this past year with two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Natalie, bringing the total to five. ■ **Millard Davis** sent an announcement card from his publisher, Plexas Publishing, Inc., of a book signing and art exhibition on May 29 and 30 for his *Natural Pathways of New Jersey*. ■ **Dan Nyman**, a retired lawyer, is now living in Wareham, MA. Dan has been playing piano regularly for the last five years at Sea Crest Convention Center, Old Silver Beach, North Falmouth, MA. Dan writes that he "was always much taken with the piano abilities of Wally Hubbard '50" and sent news of Wally, which you will find in the 1950 column. ■ Your secretaries left July 31 for MT, where we spent two weeks exploring Glacier and Banff National Parks with our oldest daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. We are planning to "retire" at the time of Reunion '98. Any volunteers? It's been fun keeping tabs on all you loyal classmates, so think about taking on this most pleasant job. And save those reunion dates: May 29-31, 1998.

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) (jvgn83a@prodigy.com), Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Jake and **Char Morgan Taylor** took their two 11-year-old grandsons to an Elderhostel in the Black Hills of SD. The week of camping included four wagon trains, horseback riding, and hiking. The Taylors and the **Davenports** each spent a week at Ocean City, NJ, with *all* their children and grandchildren. They now rent a block of houses! ■ **Ellen Healy Lucas** is busier than ever since her retirement from teaching in 1992. She has been a lector at St. Joseph Church and a volunteer at Notre Dame Convalescent Home, where her mother died last December. But her primary occupation is as president of Feel I Should Help (FISH), an organization of volunteer drivers providing rides (1,399 in her area last year) for those in need of transportation. An increasing number of the journeys are for patients undergoing cancer therapy. Ellen's husband **Van Court Lucas, Jr.**, died in 1977. Son David is an environmental consultant and son Thomas is an engineer with Beiersdorf, Inc. ■ **Sally Green Risberg** has moved to Santa Rosa, CA, in the beautiful wine country above San Francisco. Their new home is on a golf course, which is framed by mountains. Family with grandchildren are two hours south of them. Sally finished her four-year term on the MCAA board in May. She enjoyed returning to campus three times a year and we all appreciate her service! ■ I (**Nancy Whittemore Nickerson**) had a note (plus a great family photo, including seven grandchildren) from **Delinda McCormick Mix**. Lin and Joe '53 live in Beaufort, SC. We were there on our boat in '95 and it's a beautiful town. ■ Not only did Dick and I get together in FL, but I also ran into **Peggy Cooper Heald** in the Publix supermarket on her way to Boca Grande. The Nickersons were off to ME, cruising for the month of August after a visit in Milton, VT, with **Jaycee Cole Miller** and her husband. Keep those notes coming!

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., 19 West St., Rutland, VT 05701.*

Congratulations to **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers**, who are the Ridgewood (NJ) Chamber of Commerce 1997 Volunteers of the Year. They received this award for their work in making Van Neste Park a beautiful centerpiece of Ridgewood's business district. In addition to being honored at a dinner dance in June, they received a $250 contribution to establish an ongoing beautification fund for the park and a $250 contribution to the Woodlea Home, a family counseling service for which Sue is a board member. Their names will be added to the plaque of honorees in the village hall. ■ Many classmates attended the memorial service for **Judy Berry Brown** in Tamworth, NH, on August 9. Our sympathy goes out to Gordie and their three children. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Condolences also to **Jenny Kate Reynolds Collins**, whose husband Wally died this summer while visiting Cape Cod. ■ Ted and **Sally Foss Haskell** were moving this fall from Marblehead into their new home on Dataw Island, SC. ■ Sydney Copp, oldest granddaughter of **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar**, entered Midd this fall—class of 2001! ■ **Jannie Netland Fenner** hosted an August reunion for 10 of the 14 Midd women's 1994 Colorado River rafting crew on Bailey Island, ME.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (jmackho@aol.com), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

After 22 years as children's librarian in Broomfield, CO, **Alma Goetcheus Peacock** retired on May 16. "Now I'm so busy I wonder how I ever fit work into my schedule." ■ A three-alarm fire destroyed the rectory of St. Agnes Parish on May 22. We are glad to report that our own Father **Ron Lawson** was one of the three priests who escaped injury. His photograph appeared in a newspaper, holding the tabernacle which had just been rescued from the blaze. The fire broke out in the kitchen of the 100-year-old building, which was completely destroyed by the fire. Ron's new address is St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 49 Vine St., Charlestown, MA 02129 (617-242-1750). ■ We await further news from our classmates. Write to your secretaries at the above addresses—or send e-mail to Joan. Don't forget to include us on your list of holiday greetings!

1957

Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Our hats are off to **Xanie Post Koontz** and **Liz O'Donnell Wallace** for keeping track of our comings and goings for the last five years and for organizing a fun reunion. Their work culminated in our 40th Reunion weekend on campus last spring. Our warmest thanks to you both from all of '57! ■ A highlight of the occasion was the arrival of two first-time returnees—**Barbara Asbury Fisher** and **Jane Fraser Beylouny**. It's never too late to start coming back. ■ Now that the leaves have fallen, it's pleasant to remember the campus in all its greenery at the time of reunion. A few of us hunted up the old Class of '57 tree and found it thriving just in front of the old Warner science building. ■ Following reunion, Roy and **Priscilla Noble Grundy** had a lovely five-day trip in the area north of Toronto, targeting old family haunts. She is on a gradual two-year course toward retirement. ■ Art historian and horticulturist **Tania Bayard** gave an illustrated lecture on the history of plants and gardens in the Middle Ages for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center last April. Formerly a professor of art history (at Fordham, Hofstra, and Rutgers),

"The people I really admire and aspire to be like are the many, many people in this town who quietly perform acts of kindness for others that really make an impact and brighten lives."

1944

Tania has served as assistant horticulturist at The Cloisters (a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art), and is a past curator of the Biblical Garden at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. Books she has authored include *Bourges Cathedral: The West Portals*; *Sweet Herbs and Sundry Flowers: Medieval Gardens and the Gardens of the Cloisters*; and *A Medieval Home Companion: Housekeeping in the Fourteenth Century*. Her writings also appear in various newspapers and periodicals. Tania received her Ph.D. with distinction from Columbia Univ. (1968) in art history and archaeology, with medieval art as her field of concentration. ■ Please send your e-mail address if you have one. We had lots of fun exchanging information that way while planning reunion.

1958

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Floreal M. Lavin is proud of his family for various reasons: "Wife Ann (**Libby Andrus Lavin**) for putting up with me for 39 years; my children who are doing well and getting along with each other like family should; and of my eight grandchildren who are my pride and joy." Floreal retired in June, as we reported in the last issue. ■ **Alan Bond** (Clerehurst@aol.com) and wife Lois spent the month of June in Ghana, West Africa, where Alan taught two courses at Peki Seminary while on sabbatical leave. Lois worked with two village women who have started a reading school for young children to supplement their public education. Traveling to the city of Cape Coast, the Bonds visited Elmina Castle, one of the shipping points of slaves to the New World and Europe. ■ Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue for three members of our class. **David E. Bates** died on May 1 and the sympathy of the class goes to his family, especially wife Jill and David's father Philander Bates '31. The class also sends condolences to the family of **Jon V. Rode**, who died on June 24, and to Rita Wellman and family on the death of **Warren L. Wellman** on August 2. ■ Now's the time to block out the dates—May 29-31, 1998—for our 40th (can you believe it?) reunion. This is one reunion you will definitely not want to miss!

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Phil Buley reports quite a spring for his family. Wife Pam completed her thesis and received an M.Ed. from St. Michael's. Daughter Samantha graduated *magna cum laude* from Susquehanna Univ. And Phil turned 60, and retired after 36 years as a teacher and administrator at Middlebury Union High School. "Now to finish all those projects around home in Cornwall, traveling, and seeking new challenges." ■ **Carolyn Parks Behr** received the 1997 Faith R. Scarborough Award at the Williamstown (MA) Town Meeting in May. Recipients are selected based on demonstrated integrity, excellence, and dedication in community service. Carolyn and husband Bob began sitting on the board of the Greylock A Better Chance (ABC) Program the day after they moved to Williamstown in 1981. She has also won award for her involvement with the Berkshire County Unit of the American Red Cross and the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee. Commenting on her Scarborough Award, Carolyn claims "it has just evolved that my major volunteer jobs have ended up being high profile, so people are aware of what I do. The people I really admire and aspire to be like are the many, many people in this town who quietly perform acts of kindness for others that really make an impact and brighten lives." ■ Another notable volunteer is **Barbara Freeman Irving**, who provides services for refugees 40 hours/week. She purchased a van to facilitate hauling furniture for people and put 19,000 miles on the new vehicle in just eight months! ■ While attending a Boston Alumnae gathering at the Boston Museum of Science in May, Bill '58 and **Noel Caseley Locke** ran into **Dave Percival** and **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray**. The Lockes enjoy living year round in their beautiful home on Buzzards Bay. Daughter Jenny '96 is studying at Duke Univ. Law School. ■ George and **Anne Martin Hartmann** moved to Lyme, NH, this fall. After four summers of sailing around in Europe, they have brought their boat back to RI. ■ We send the sympathy of the class to the family of **J. Fred Carbine, Jr.**, who died on May 30. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We have also learned of the death of **Robert W. Chapman** on July 1 and send the sympathy of the class of his wife, Jeannette, and the family. ■ **Terry (Fred) Twichell** (ttwichell@thacher. org) has a big, organic, year-round garden in Ojai, CA, with 20 tomato plants, 50 fruit trees (including Granny Smith apples), and a rose garden. A fund raiser for the Thacher School in CA for 15 years, he and wife Marion still spend three weeks in ME every year. They have three children and no grandchildren. He keeps in touch with **Charlie Fitz**, a Sig Ep pledge who didn't finish freshman year. Charlie is a lobsterman on Cape Cod. (Send us the new address and we'll get him back on the magazine mailing list!) ■ After 34 years as a commercial lending officer in CT, **John Fay** changed jobs to work four days/week in computer billing for cable television. He sails on Long Island and Mt. Desert Island and has a lifetime pass at Killington. He enjoys the Lyme, CT, area for its good climate, location on the Sound, and eclectic people. ■ Attorney **Frank Heffron** has worked for a NY County Attorney's office for seven years. He's also on the Vestry in his Episcopal Church. Frank and wife Margery (a free lance writer/editor) do a lot of canoeing on upstate NY rivers. They have three children, and a new grandchild in CA. Son Sam works in Amherst, MA, in the same restaurant that my (Byron) wife's daughter works. ■ When I called **Jim Southard**, he was traveling for his job at General Data Communications, a high tech communications firm, but wife **Sally Tingle Southard** '61 spoke of their two grandchildren in VT, of their taking up golf a few years ago, of their plans to move to NH in a few years, and their deer problem. It seems the deer come right to the doors of their suburban Weston, CT, home. One winter deer ate the ivy growing up their house. Sally is a library media specialist for a middle school, where she manages a computer network for seven hundred kids. ■ **Sherwood Smith** is very discouraged by almost a year of health problems. He was in good health until a

Alumni College geology class on Snake Mountain (see 1961 column)

hernia developed into other problems. ■ **Jon Metzger** has not downhill skied since 1965—only cross country. He believes he's "skied out." He has two children from his first marriage and two from his second marriage of 23 years, as well as one grandchild. Retiring from Pepsi Cola after 16 years, Jon has worked for three years with a computer software company that sells sales management software to beverage companies. During the fall, he was training Coca Cola employees in Singapore and then in Vienna, the largest Coca Cola bottler in the world. Jon and his wife have a house with four boats on Lake Cayuga. Claiming that the Ithaca, NY, area had a record 133 days without sun last winter, Jon gives that as one reason they plan to move to Venice, FL, in 1999. ■ **Byron Koh** was a grandfather for the first time on May 4. "Happy 60th Birthday!" to most of us this year (or last). Did we think that it was possible? Didn't 60 sound old? Are we having thoughts of mortality, or are we still convinced we will live forever? Are our lives two-thirds over? Are we determined to get the most out of the next 30?

1960

Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

Brud Folger celebrated his 60th birthday with a party in Standish, ME. Among the 150 guests were **Joe Bujold**, Sandy Bill '61, **Al** and Jean Yeomans '62 **Lamson**, Nancy and John Sinclair '62, Lucia and Peter Swallow '65, Jake Hopkins '59, Phoebe Folger '94. It was the first time they had seen Sandy Bill since 1962. Brud says: "If ya gotta be 60, this is the best way to go!" ■ Though living in L.A. most of the year, **Linde Hood Gibb** still calls Westport, CT, home. She's doing plays non-stop and has done small TV roles, including a French-speaking nun on *General Hospital*. Linde teaches ballet classes to children and says being a grandmother mellows one's perspective and gives one patience. ■ From Bedford, MA, **Helen Smith Folweiler** reports the September 1997 marriage of Sara in Stowe, VT, on the lawn of the communal ski lodge Helen and Bob joined since before the kids were born. Five days after the wedding, Bob and Helen left for a two-week barge trip on the Loire in France. Bob has cancer and this was a dream vacation for them. ■ **Pat Johnson Gallman**, an elementary school teacher in Worcester, NY, spent three summer weeks in New Bern, NC, visiting family. Last summer she toured France with a group of friends and colleagues. ■ **Kathryn Olds Falconer** loves winters in NE, where she's a prof. in the Kearney State College Communications Disorders Program. The snow (but not the wind) reminds her of VT. On "snow days," the university closes and she bakes bread from scratch. Her summer project: documenting the results of a five-year study of the speech and language development of a set of quadruplets. ■ Nancy and **Herb Foster** sold their Belfast, ME, resort and moved to Waterville, ME, because the work became too demanding physically. Returning to teaching, Herb now *IS* the foreign language "department" at a junior high school, where he gets to use his Russian for the first time since graduation. Herb returns to VT at least once a year to hike sections of the Long Trail. ■ Since our 30th reunion, **Mike Harding** of Wellesley, MA, has made a very successful transition from a large to a small investment counseling firm. In his spare time, Mike and wife Gig have climbed all the 4,000-footers in New England. Traveling to Seattle this summer for a wedding, they climbed Mt. Hood and Mt. Rainier, knocking off two more high points and bringing their total to 25. ■ Two years ago, **Charlie Hadley** left a post-retirement (from GMAC) job with a bank and became a self-employed firearms dealer in Cape Elizabeth, ME. He travels around the country to buy and sell firearms, and has also established a mail order gun business. Charley and Sally have been to London, Hong Kong, and Rome since we last saw them at reunion. They hope to do Greece, Israel, and Egypt soon. ■ **Frank East** retired in July from his "interim" job in social work in NYC, which he started in '67 as a way to pay for graduate studies in Russian. He married in '85 ("at the ripe old age of 47") and has one son (11). They live in Essex, NY, not far from Middlebury. He typed his news on the same typewriter he used at Midd. ■ **Paula Hartz** (hartz@juno.com) spent the summer as usual doing editing at Silver Bay, NY, on Lake George, and traveling to Midd Library to do research. She spent a chunk of the winter undergoing treatment for another recurrence of cancer, which fortunately was local and not serious. Paula gave up her rent-controlled apartment in Manhattan and now owns a townhouse in Montclair, NJ, where she marvels at the conveniences of 20th century living: dishwasher, washer and dryer, built-in microwave, grounded outlets, car at the front door, guest room, and separate office space. Paula's latest books in the Facts on File World Religions series are *Shinto* and *Native American Religions*. She also did a Monarch Notes study guide for *The Count of Monte Cristo*. ■ **Bill French** has reportedly not been able to get **Dick Atkinson** back up to Rumford, ME, to finish the cabin he built for them. Dick has been too busy sailing. Bill, Dick, John Mentor '59 and Sam Gualtieri '59 purchased nine Midd football game films from Sparx Enterprises. Bill reports it was fun to look at themselves, but disappointing for the amount it cost. Bill saw **Linda Farr MacGregor** and husband Jim at the annual 4th of July picnic in Rumford Center. ■ **Bob Hall** (the French's landlord in Farmington, CT) is extremely proud that son Steve, a 1996 grad of UConn Dental School, joined him in the practice this summer. Bob and Marcia travel and Bob organizes trips for groups of friends. In September 1996, he and a friend climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, after a terrific African safari. ■ Another class dentist, **Dick Fitch** (St. Johnsbury, VT) is looking forward to selling his practice and retiring. Dick has had a little tussle with leukemia for the past six years and is confident that he's going to get it behind him. Plans after retirement, in addition to getting well, include enjoying his grandchildren and traveling. ■ To celebrate his retirement after 31 years of teaching history at Eastern KY Univ. (Richmond, KY), **Lloyd Graybar** flew to Singapore and took a two-week cruise to Java, Bali, Malaysia, and Thailand. Under his early retirement plan, he will teach half time for three years. His history writing centers on WW II and American biography. ■ The startup high-tech company **Caroline Smith Freeman** worked for brought its first products to a market which did not exist. She continued to provide her former employer with network and computer support, while working for another venture capital firm, Applied Technology. Husband Glenn's startup is more successful. Their roots are now in Somerville, MA, where they are "fixing to stay." ■ After 27 years of private practice in Denver, **Bruce Richards** has relocated his gynecology practice to the Grand River Medical Clinic in Rifle, CO. During one of their trips Bruce and Judy fell in love with north western Colorado. He is past president of the CO State Gynecologic and Obstetric Society, as well as an associate clinical prof. of ob/gyn at the Univ. of CO. He was recently elected VP of the Central Assoc. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, one of the most prestigious ob/gyn societies in the country. ■ Belatedly, we report the marriage of John and **Nancy Hill Griswold** on November 24, 1989. John is a graduate of the Univ. of the South at Sewanee. They continue to live in Millis, MA. ■ Send Jean a Xmas card or a copy of your family newsletter.

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127, Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

Ralph E. Stone (iranyi-stone@juno.com) informs us that on May 2, 1997, he retired as a senior trial attorney for the Federal Trade Commission's San Francisco Regional Office. After 32 years in government service—26 as an FTC attorney and six as an Army officer—he plans the private practice of law in San Francisco. ■ **Peter Spalding** is alive and well and living at the same address in Washington, DC. Unfortunately his local post office returned mail to the College last year, marking it with "unknown at this address, so Peter was taken off the mailing list. Peter writes, "I fear this error on the part of our beloved post office has led to me being a 'non-person' by Middlebury," but we are happy to report that he has been reinstated on the mailing list and is now back in the fold. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** Pursuant to our announcement in the summer issue of the May 19 marriage of **Willard Jackson** and Carolyn Bennett Wood '61, the photographic evidence proves that the newlyweds celebrated on the ranch, along with Chris Marlow '94, Missy Bennett Marlow '59, Norm '53 and **Joan Allen Armour**, Midd Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79, and Hugh Marlow '57. ■ Alumni College XXII brought many back to savor the joys of education at Middlebury once again. Three '61 students in the geology class—**Carolyn Bennett Jackson, Jean Eisenhart**, and **Roddy Stanton**—found much to discover in the environs of Snake Mountain, northwest of Middlebury.

1962

Class Secretaries: *Jim Rosin, 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; Judy Bosworth Roesset, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; and Bonnie Boyd Russ, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.*

We regret to report the death of **Kate Warren Delong** on July 24, 1996. We send the condolences of the class to her family. ■ Since news has not been forthcoming since our gala 35th Reunion, your new secretaries would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to add us to your list of holiday greetings this year. Your classmates are anxious to hear what's going on with you. And this is also our chance to thank **Leslie Dearborn Cronin** and **Jim Shattuck** for being our class scribes over the past few years. We all appreciate your work!

1963

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 6008 Benalder Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst @aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

Cinncinnati resident **Breneman Blaine** has been elected president of the board of trustees of the Clovernook Center-Opportunities for the Blind. He is past president of the board of the Planned Parenthood Assoc. of Cincinnati and has been a board member of the Cincinnati Opera and the State of OH Counselor & Social Worker Board. He has also been a volunteer for the YMCA and the United Way. Breneman is the president of Applied Solutions Inc. ■ In April last year, **John P. Connors** went to Winston Salem, NC, for a "six to eight week" consulting assignment which turned out to last several months. Although he has no doubt moved on to his next assignment, his comments from Winston Salem are still timely: "Perhaps the greatest enjoyment for me, aside from some interesting elements of the assignment, has been a renewal of my love for baseball. Over the years I, as many others, have become fed up with major league ball and the antics of its players and owners. In Winston Salem I have become a fan of the Winston Salem Warthogs, a class A team. I have been to at least seven Hog games and have also traveled to Durham to see the Bulls and to Greensboro to see the Bats, a NY Yankee affiliate. Next on my must see list is the Piedmont Boll Weevils and the Charlotte Knights. Strongly recommend minor league ball to any sport fans out there. The players play hard and there is no business or police blotter reportage!" John closes: "Number 35 will soon be upon us. It truly doesn't seem possible. A good part of it, though, is hopefully seeing everyone again. Look forward to seeing you at reunion." ■ We also look forward to seeing everyone at Middlebury May 29-31, 1998, so block those dates out on your calendar and make those travel arrangements!

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (bbh@research.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin (bob.baskin@mail.house.gov), 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

Karin Ryding (rydingk@gunet.georgetown.edu) is proud to announce her appointment as dean of Interdisciplinary Programs at Georgetown Univ., where she is also the Sultan Qaboos bin Said Professor of Arabic. ■ **Perry Hanson** is the chief technology officer at Williams College, moving there from Wellesley College in 1996. Perry and wife **Susan Easton Hanson** were both geography majors at Midd, but their interests have led them into many fields. Returning from the Peace Corps in Kenya, they went to graduate school at Northwestern Univ., planning to concentrate in African studies. Somehow they got into urban transportation issues and turned their attention to how populations move and interact in space. After teaching geology at SUNY/Buffalo and Middlebury, Perry got involved in computing at Clark Univ. in 1984 and moved on in that field to Clark and Wellesley. ■ **Elizabeth Leppman** reports that she received a Ph.D. in geography from the Univ. of GA last June, after being inducted into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society in March. Her dissertation "Choices in the Rice Bowl," deals with "changes in nutrition and diet in Liaoning Province as related to economic development and urbanization. I did field work for the study in China from 1993 to 1995, teaching English at the same time at Northeastern Univ. in Shenyang." Elizabeth is now visiting assistant prof. of geography and international studies at Miami Univ. in Oxford, OH. ■ NY Education Commissioner **Richard P. Mills** is working relentlessly to raise NY's academic standards. The standards movement has fostered a new policy, now being phased in, under which all high school students will have to take Regents exams before they graduate. (The existing system allows students to opt for the easier Regents Competency Exams to get local or non-Regents diplomas.) Richard is firm in his position that *all* New Yorkers need and deserve a minimum level of education. He has been taking this message to thousands of people across NY with a grueling schedule of town hall meetings, talk shows, and school visits.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Jeff Alderman is proud to report that he has been director of polling at ABC News for 20 years (as of September 1997) and has covered every election during that time. He has done nearly 700 national surveys for ABC since 1977. His daughter Liz graduated from Harvard last March and daughter Merry started at Wesleyan this fall. ■ Congratulations and best wishes are in order for **Carolyn Buttolph** and William L. Meyer, who were married on June 27 in Jericho, VT. ■ Tall, handsome, and ruddy-cheeked **Jeff McKay** stopped by Burlington, VT, last August. Jeff, who organizes and leads indoor and outdoor leadership programs, has traveled widely and developed a strong interest in the cultural traditions of Native North Americans from the Pacific Northwest. While in Burlington, Jeff visited with **Fred Stetson** and toured some of the city's neighborhoods, including Willard Street with its historic, Victorian era homes, and Centennial Field at UVM, where Jeff and many other Midd football players took on the UVM Catamounts. A few days earlier, Jeff helped direct a program at Sagamore, one of the great camps in the Adirondacks. One of Jeff's busy associates is **Michael McCann**'s wife, Betsy. ■ Middlebury attorney **John Deppman**'s wall map of the world is covered with red pins, indicating stopovers at distant points such as Turkey and Bolivia. Still practicing law, he finds time for travels around the globe. This fall, he was gone again, this time visiting Vietnam. From time to time, he roams Vermont's Green Mountains, looking for rare owls and song birds. One of his recent jaunts was up the side of Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak. Tagging along and trying to learn a little ornithology on the side were Fred Stetson and his wife, Kate Pond. ■ Please note e-mail addresses for your class secretaries above. Feel free to send news electronically—or by good old mail. However you contact us, we'd love to hear from you anytime.

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Carol Swanson Wright writes: "As reported in our last Christmas letter, we had a busy year in 1996. Our son David graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, on May 26; our daughter Dauna was married to Drew Garty on June 14; and my husband John and I enjoyed a two-week business and pleasure trip to England and Prague during August. I also saw Ruth McKenzie Cannon '67 on a trip to New England in early July." ■ **Gary Bevington**, prof. of linguistics and international/intercultural studies at Northeastern IL Univ., was awarded a 1997-98 Fulbright grant to lecture on descriptive linguistics and sociolinguistics to students of Mayan origin at Universidad Mariano Gálvez in Guatemala City. A 1991 Fulbright took him to lecture at Friedreich Schiller-Universitat in Jena, Germany. He is also the author of many articles and several books, including *Maya for Travelers and Students: A Guide to Language and Culture in Yucatan.* ■ Be sure to fill out the card insert in your magazine and return it with your plans, news, and messages to classmates. Your secretaries would love to hear from you!

Carolyn Bennett Wood '61 and Willard Jackson '51 (see 1961 column)

1967

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spattchs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

Susan Davis Patterson reports on July 27, 1997: This afternoon, several classmates attended Roland Illick's memorial service in Mead Memorial Chapel, where we were privileged to continue learning from the stories and example of this remarkable teacher's life. We heard about his formative life experiences growing up in Nanking, China. He heard many examples of how he turned students on to a love of learning and an understanding of the relationship between humankind and our earth. There were tales of his infectious love of living and learning and collecting from his children, of his mentoring and encouragement from colleagues, and of the special gifts of self he shared with his grandchildren. Tom and I reflected on the influence Mr. Illick had on our values, from zero-population growth to stewardship of the earth to "think globally; act locally." His precepts for living—life-long learning, tolerance and respect for the individual spiritual journeys of all peoples, and the strong belief that understanding other cultures will further world peace—have been the lasting legacy of our Middlebury liberal educations. Eight years ago, we were living in Australia for a year. When Roland and Edith led a group of Midd alums on a trip there, they contacted us (Tom had been his advisee). We were thrilled to go out to eat with them, but a bit nervous to be called on by Roland to speak about Australia in front of the group. Since I wasn't working, I had enjoyed the luxury of months of reading Australian literature, traveling widely around the country, and participating in several groups at the college where Tom was teaching, such as the "Spinners and Knitters" and "Toastmasters." I had written long letters home to friends about my learnings and observations, so I reported on the three main influences (in my opinion) on the country: environment (weather, topography, and resources), settlement by English prisoners and wardens (a life sentence for both), and, more recently and currently, immigration. There were questions and answers, and then we took our leave. We were at the elevator in the hotel when Roland ran up behind us and grabbed me. "I'm ashamed to ask, but were you a geography major?" he said, looking straight into my eyes. "No, English lit, but I did take Baby Geography and a couple of other courses." "Well, you just got an 'A.' That was terrific!" I'll treasure that "A" always, just as I'll treasure the example of good teaching and humane values Mr. Illick gave us. ■ **Jackie Schafer** has been making the news in CA as the newest director of the CA Department of Fish & Game. Being the first woman to lead the 2,000-employee department (with an annual budget of nearly $200 million) was no problem for Jackie. President Bush appointed her as the second woman in the history of the U.S. Navy to be an assistant secretary. She also worked on the federal Clean Water Act and was appointed by President Reagan as an EPA regional administrator. Best of luck in your new position, Jackie! ■ The 1998 edition of *¡Acción¡*, a Spanish textbook series by **Dorothy Joba** *et al* was published recently. This "highly communicative" Spanish series is for junior high and high school students. ■ Midd Dean of Advising **Karl Lindholm** has been talking baseball in the news (including NPR's "Morning Edition"). Karl is researching a book about William Clarence Matthews, an African-American baseball player active in VT at the turn of the century. Matthews played in the otherwise whites-only Northern League after starring at Harvard, then may have come close to integrating the Major League 42 years before Jackie Robinson accomplished it. Matthews later worked for Calvin Coolidge's 1924 presidential campaign and eventually became an assistant U.S. Attorney General. This research sounds perfect for Karl, combining three of his passions—baseball, black history, and American civilization. Congratulations are also due to Karl and wife Brett Millier on the birth of daughter Anne Elizabeth on August 8. Son Peter is now two ("lively is not the word for it"); daughter Jane (18) has started college at Harvard; and son David (14) just started high school in Boston (where he lives with his mother and stepfather). Jane and David were both in Middlebury during the summer.

Happy birthday to Mary MacArthur Wendell '69 (see 1969 column)

1968

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson (dr44@aol.com), 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Frank Wolff (fwolff@bryancavellp.com) has been named leader of the business section at Bryan Cave LLP, the nation's 19th largest law firm. His practice focuses on corporate transactions, mergers, acquisitions, and the law of nonprofit organizations. ■ Last May, **Sam Levin**, president of Blodgett Supply Co. in Williston, VT, announced that Blodgett has acquired E.J. Monroe Co. of Plattsburgh and Ticonderoga, NY. Acquisition of these plumbing and heating wholesalers will expand services available in both companies. ■ **Pam Parsons Naughton** is the only member of her family who is *not* into acting. She is quoted in the press as claiming that "wild horses could not drag me out on stage," while husband Jim appears as Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, his latest Broadway success; daughter Keira plays Lydia in the Roundabout Theatre Co.'s production of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*; and son Greg '90 is Miller in Clifford Odets' *Waiting For Lefty* at the Blue Light Theatre Co. Pam prefers to work behind the scenes as director of development for Blue Light, soliciting corporate backing to fund future projects. Founded by Greg, Blue Light employs a mentor approach whereby a veteran generation of actors performs with talented young people just starting out. A recent piece in the *Westport* (CT) *News* points out the irony of the Naughton children ending up on stage: "Neither Pam nor Jim Naughton believe in children being professional actors. They moved from fast track L.A. to Weston when their kids were small to give them a normal childhood filled with carefree play." Nevertheless, a talented drama teacher inspired them with a love of the theatre. ■ **Ron Hoag** writes that he has been promoted to full professor at East Carolina Univ. (at 18,000 students the third largest campus in the NC state university system). He continues to serve on the board of directors of the Thoreau Society and edits the society's journal, *The Concord Saunterer*. He lives with wife Holly, an ECU anthropologist, and their sons Wesley (4) and Drew (2) in an 1820 house that they have restored and now must keep from falling down. ■ **Joe Wood**, prof. of geography at George Mason Univ., has been promoted to vice provost for academic affairs. George Mason, located in the DC metropolitan area, is the youngest and largest of VA's doctoral universities. He also reports a new book, *The New England Village* (George Washington Univ. Press, 1997), the origins of which he traces to geography field trips at Middlebury. His latest research project is on the role of new immigrants, especially Vietnamese-Americans, in remaking American suburbs.

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne (whearne@kodak.com), 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

John R. Carr III, president and principal of the law firm Buschmann, Carr & Shanks in Indianapolis, has been chosen to serve as state chair for the IN Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. This is an organization of leaders of the bench and bar who voluntarily support the research program of the American Bar Foundation. ■ **John Tidd** (ttech@sover.net), is the owner/innovator of Tidd Tech, manufacturer of Nordic snow groomers. John's "Trail Tenderizer" produces world class ski trails at an affordable price, filling a need John encountered during the 15 years he operated a ski area in Killington. In the past nine years, over half the cross country ski areas in the U.S. have purchased one or more of the Tidd Tech groomers and the company is now expanding its product line. In addition to his involvements in business, skiing, running, kayaking, inline skating, and hiking, John is very interested in metal sculpting. ■ Since our '94 reunion, **Stefan Nagel** (nagelswin@aol.com) and family "decided to pull up our Washington, DC, roots, which ran deep, and transplant them in New England,

where they run even deeper. We've returned to one of my (many) childhood homes, Winchester, MA, which is a wonderful community with a real town center and, although only eight miles from Boston has no sprawl and little car traffic. I continue to specialize in land conservation and historic preservation law, but have moved out of the nonprofit community and reentered private practice with the nation's preeminent law firm engaged in that rather esoteric specialty. The work is stimulating, satisfying, and stressful (because it is largely tax driven and I constantly feel as if the IRS is breathing down my neck), and provides contact with many Midd alumni, both as clients and professional colleagues." ■ Suzi and **Bill Bethke**, of Mountain Lakes, NJ, have two offspring—daughter Corinne (21) and son Brian (19). Brian is a first year student at Middlebury this year. As chief investment officer of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, Bill oversees a $110-billion general account portfolio and subsidiary assets and $160 billion in mutual funds and pension accounts. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Friends of **Mary MacArthur Wendell** gathered in Milton, MA, on May 3 to celebrate her 50th birthday, including Middies (front row) **Ginny Hopper Mead** (cs@ncia.net), **Susie Shattuck Truitt, Shirley Markland**, (second row) **Jim Hoverman, Julia Lord Soule**, the birthday girl, **Pam Pritchard Orchard**, (back row) **Rob Orchard, Binnie MacArthur**, and Dale DeLetis (former asst. dean of students at Midd).

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@buccles.org), 323 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

Margo Chisholm expects to celebrate her 50th birthday with another try at Mt. Everest. She's also planning to walk the 2,600-mile Pacific Crest Trail. Her new book, *To the Summit: A Woman's Journey Into the Mountains to Find Her Soul"* (Avon Books), tells the story of her "journey from not being able to walk up a flight of stairs without my legs cramping, to my attempts to climb the highest mountain in the world." In 1986, her heart began to fail from her multiple addictions (alcohol, cocaine, bulimia), but she checked into the former Rader Institute for addictive disorders in San Diego and began to believe that it would be possible to do something that had always been a secret desire: mountain climbing. Climbing became a metaphor for recovery from her addictions. "It was a way to come up against my limits and push through them time and time again. I was able to translate that to real life." She went on to become one of the oldest women in the world to have conquered the highest mountains on seven continents. Only Mount Everest in Asia has turned her back in two attempts. "I'm a walking example that anything is possible," she reported recently. "It doesn't matter if your issue is addiction, a midlife crisis, or diabetes. When there are days that are tough, days when you want to stay in bed and turn the electric blanket up to 'Mother,' you can go on. One foot in front of the other." ■ **Catherine Allagoa Mwanamwambwa** has also met with great success. Now one of Zambia's leading business personalities, Catherine began making leather bags for export in the early '70s and her Bimzi leather factory is flourishing. In addition she exports beef to Angola and is the founder of Enviro Flor, Zambia's first big horticultural business (roses, paprika, and essential oil plants, including a $3 million contract to supply a modern oleoresin plant). Catherine also runs Agribim, an agricultural marketing firm that has become a leading provider of credit, inputs, and extension services to peasant farmers in the Central Province. And she has represented Zamiba on the Africa Business Roundtable, a private sector think tank of the African Development Bank, seeking to strengthen Africa's emerging entrepreneurs. Catherine's husband, Amusaa '69, handles exports for Bimzi. Two of their three daughters attended Middlebury—Mumeka Mwanamwambwa-Wright '89 and Adaobi Mwanamwambwa '96. ■ **Paul Batiza** has been elected to the American Law Institute, an organization of eminent federal and state judges, distinguished lawyers, and respected law profs. Paul is with the firm of Mang, Batiza, Gaudin, Dogofsky & Penzato in Metairie, LA. ■ We regret to report the death of **Katherine Shikes Fredman** on May 30, 1997. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1971

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.*

The market manager of the Middlebury branch of Chittenden Bank is now **J. Bruce Foust**. Bruce has been with Chittenden since 1971, most recently as branch administrator. He's also involved with youth sports as a soccer and baseball coach and is active in the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, the American Diabetes Assoc., the United Way, Rotary, and VT Assoc. for Mental Health. ■ **Randi Cross Lawrence** is the new VP of Evergreen Advertising & Marketing, a national direct-response and database marketing advertising agency based in Middlebury. She was formerly with Brookstone, a catalog retailer in Nashua, NH, and the Swiss Colony food gift catalog. ■ **James R. Keyes** is a new board member for the Southern VT Health Services Corp., including Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and the Southern VT Home Health Agency. James is executive VP and senior credit officer of First VT Bank. James lives in Brattleboro with wife Kimberly and twin sons David and Jared. ■ **Taxi Smith** is executive director of Rhode Island Film and TV office in the Economic Development Corp. He reports that the film industry in RI has seen a 300 percent increase in studio and independent pictures since 1990. He attributes this to a shift in marketing strategies and an understanding of how the business works. Compared to smaller states, Taxi reports that RI does incredibly well at attracting film work, because no permits are required, there are no special fees, no special regulations—plus RI offers terrific beaches and architecture. From 1986 to 1990, Taxi was producer, writer, and host of PM Magazine. Before that he was a trial attorney. ■ Fourth generation San Franciscan **Philip Pillsbury** has been practicing law for 20 years and represents policyholders in claims involving insurance. When asked recently how he keeps a balance between his work and his family, which includes a wife and four children, he explained "I do it by prioritizing my life. I first determine how I want to spend time with my family. If you have a son who has a baseball game, you put as much importance getting to that as a settlement conference." He added, "You also need quiet time to think. You need to make an appointment to think." ■ **Susan Secord** reports from Boulder, CO, that she's making a career shift. She's beginning a master's in liberal studies with a specialty in education at Regis Univ. in Denver, with elementary school teaching as her long term goal. Susan and husband Chris Hoffman are enjoying life in the Rocky Mountains, with son Ben, who is now in first grade. ■ **Nancy Charlesworth** has relocated from San Francisco to Portland, ME, where she would love to hear from fellow alums at 64 Bay View Dr., 04103. A musician, composer, and teacher, Nancy's music for radio has been broadcast in Australia and West Germany.

1972

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham (bjsmith@hookup.net), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

At the Univ. of AR, **Jim Gamble** is proud of being awarded a King Fahd Arabic Studies Assistantship in connection with his doctoral work in comparative literature. He is teaching world literature while pursuing study in Arabic and French Canadian literature. ■ **Nancy Shields Kollmann** is the co-editor of a new book (May 1997, Northern IL Univ. Press), *Religion and Culture in Early Modern Russia and Ukraine*. Nancy is a history professor at Stanford. ■ Middlebury is rising to prominence at the Citizens Bank of Providence, RI, where **Carol Frost Thomas** has been named senior VP of the retail enterprises group and **Christopher Downs** has been appointed executive VP/group executive for its consumer finance and Bankcard divisions. Carol joined Citizens from Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and Chris from Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC. ■ **Cindy Wright Berlack** writes in July: "I am heading onto land after an epic journey sailing the entire coast of Norway with a three-year-old. Glad to be going to visit my Samik (Lapp) family again then heading home after a year away. I was sad to miss my 25th, though." She encloses a newspaper article—in Norwegian—complete with photograph of Cindy and family standing next to a hydroplane with the English words MIDNIGHT SUN painted down the side. ■ **John Cuneo** has devoted 20 years of his professional life to human services. Now the executive director of Haverhill (MA) Community Action, he coordinates numerous programs, ranging from Head Start to day care, to fuel assistance to job training, to substance abuse and violence prevention initiatives. His goal is that the agency's various programs be "outposts of kindness and civility." ■ Congratulations are in order for Judi and **Fred Danforth**, co-owners of Danforth Pewterers in Middlebury, who were named Vermont Small Business Persons of the Year for 1997 by the U.S. Business Administration. Fred and Judi, who live in Lincoln, began designing and producing their own series of original pewter pieces a few years after we graduated. The business has grown by leaps and bounds since then, thanks to creative marketing, catalog advertising, and several big-name contracts. (Next time you're in a Disney store, check out the Classic Winnie-the-Pooh pewter pieces.) Fred and Judi were honored in Washington, DC, in June, along with entrepreneurial honorees from the other 49 states, and were feted again at a state ceremony held on the Midd cam-

The Middlebury rugby legacy (see 1972 column)

pus. With business continuing to grow, the Danforths plan to move the company next spring into a new building designed to accommodate an eventual work force of 125—up from last spring's staff of 67. Way to go, Fred. ■ We send sympathy and encouragement to **Nancy Grimes**, whose husband, Humphrey Sutton, died suddenly of a heart attack while in England on a business trip in May. An acclaimed photographer, Humphrey specialized in books and cover designs for Penguin Books and location assignments for such magazines as *Time/Life*, *Quest*, and *Car and Driver*. Nancy and Humphrey founded New England Garden Ornaments 11 years ago in North Brookfield, MA, near Holland, where Nancy lives with their daughter, Courtney Grimes-Sutton. ■ Our 25th Reunion in May continues to generate notes, calls, and e-mail reminiscing about what a fine weekend it was—and brainstorming about new reunion possibilities. "I'm still smiling and overwhelmed with good feeling about the whole time," **Cheryl Rinder** wrote from Middlebury, adding, "**Maia Sampson** called me a couple of weeks ago and said, 'I just have to talk with you some more about the reunion, because when I talk about it to people who were not there, their eyes glaze over, like it was just another good party.' And it was more than that, wasn't it?" Sure was, but don't take my word for it—listen to **Jack Kartez**, for whom this reunion was a first: "I had a great time and wish I could have stayed for every last minute. The activities, Obie's film, **Paul Lehman**'s superb "Jeopardy" production, all of it was great, but especially the morning panel discussion, where I got away with doing more listening than I usually do when I'm at the front of a room, and it was a treat." Jack added his voice to a small but growing chorus of support for a mini-27th Reunion for the Class of '72. "I think we have no choice but to gather again in VT for Alumni College in '99," says **Kathy Mulligan Lord**, who has gotten strong support for the idea from various quarters. "But," as Jack said, it will be an Alumni College/reunion "done OUR way, as always." Kathy and **Dave Furney**, our fearless 25th Reunion leaders, also send a final wrap-up message out to all of you: "Thanks to everyone who came and made it such an incredible reunion. It was your openness and friendliness that contributed so much and made it the weekend it was." Kathy encourages anyone who is still suffering post-reunion let down—or who is interested in the idea of a 27th Reunion during Alumni College '99—to contact her by e-mail (LLord888@aol.com). And anyone suffering reunion non-attendance regrets should try to lift their spirits by sending news and comments for this column to your faithful correspondents, Jennifer and Judy. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Middlebury is establishing a rugby legacy! When the New England/Quebec all star match was held last April in Burlington, it was officiated by **Chris Davis**, who was assisted by Miguel Fernandez '85 (Spanish professor at Midd) and Charlie Bates '82. The New England All Stars were led by Bill Eaton '92, who is the president and co-founder of the Boston Rattlers, a premiere Div. 1 team in the Northeast. His club recently qualified for the National Championships, losing in the quarter finals. Chris Davis is co-founder and former president of the Burlington rugby football club, which has qualified for the Div. 2 national championships the past three years and has made the final four two of the past three years.

1973

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676, and H. Kit Fuller (kitfuller@usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Al '75 and **Deanne Nicholas Turner** are proud of son Rauhn, who is an All-American and state of NJ record holder (indoors) at 48.45 in the 400 meters (track 1996). Rauhn attends the Univ. of VA on an athletic scholarship. ■ **Linda Laursen Toscano** has lots of family news to report. Husband Nicolas is president of ALDEEU (Spanish Professionals in the U.S.); son Jose Luis graduated from Binghamton Univ., was married last June 28, and is currently a T.A. in the economics dept. at UConn. Daughter Carolina, a National Merit Semifinalist (Hispanic) this year, was a bridesmaid in her brother's wedding; daughter Cristina (3) was a flower girl. ■ **Robert G. Main, Jr.**, is seeking re-election as Franklin County (NY) judge, a post he has held since 1988. Robert reported that "the last 10 years have probably been the most challenging and rewarding chunk of time in my life, and I enjoy very much what I'm doing." His father served as Franklin County judge for 28 years. ■ We are sad to report two deaths in our class. **Roger A. Black** died on January 2, 1996, and we send the condolences of the class to his family. **Bob Elliot** died on July 31, 1997, after suffering a heart attack while bicycling near his home in Portland, ME. An American literature major at Middlebury, Bobo captained our basketball team to its best two-year totals in the school's history. More recently, he was a feature TV reporter and beloved celebrity in his home state of ME. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1974

Class Secretaries: *Greg Dennis (gregdenis @aol.com), 1053 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; and Barry Schultz King (kinglet@together.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

In case you didn't know it, e-mail is a wonderful means of communication! Most of the following class news arrived through the ether of electronics. If you are on-line, be sure to add your address to the Midd alumni directory on the Middlebury College home page. It's rather painless and makes life so much easier for your hard-working class secretaries! ■ A resident of ME since 1978, **Stephen Olson** lives in Belfast with his wife and children Skyler Storm (5) and Clare Lynn (3). Steve operates an excursion boat, *The Balmy Days*, across Penobscot Bay to Castine. The oldest continuously operated passenger vessel in ME, *Balmy Days* was built in 1932 and served as the Monhegan mailboat for many years. Steve also runs a company called Conundrum Navigation, providing vessel manning and operations service. He says this work "gets me out on tugboats in the winter, which is not as bad as it sounds." He's also a marine surveyor, "a sort of consultant expert on boats and marine insurance. This occasionally gets me underneath barges and tugboats in the winter, in 34-degree water, which is much worse than it sounds." In his free time, he also writes for a magazine called *Professional Boatbuilder*, plus he has two unsold novels on his desk. Stephen claims that wearing many hats "is fairly typical of ME, where you do a little of this and that, and occasionally rob a liquor store when things get really tight. It also allows me to spend time with the kids. My previous life at sea on tankers did not allow much of a family life, and I don't miss anything but the money. Coming to this parenthood deal late in life, it is filled with magic and foreboding. My son's grand ambition is to swim across the bay to Islesboro. Yesterday he asked me if I'd make the swim with him, and after doing the arithmetic, the best I could tell him is maybe." ■ **Richard "Eppy" Epstein** writes from Langley, WA, with sad news of the death of **Todd Boyd Lovington**. Todd, who left Middlebury after two years, was Eppy's roommate freshman year, and the two maintained a close friendship over the years. Eppy writes: "Todd loved reading and thinking about mathematics and philosophy. He was an active skier, backpacker, and tennis player, and enjoyed nature deeply. With a B.A. and a master's in math from the Univ. of WA, he was a much respected and admired instructor of math at Centralia (WA) College. He died while doing something he loved—playing tennis with his men's team on Sunday, April 13, 1997. He is survived by wife Cathy, brother Mark, sister Sarah, mother Inez, and assorted nephews and nieces, as well as his adoring dogs, Maggie and Frement. Todd was a generous and loving fellow." ■ On one of those really hot southern CA days in late summer, co-secretary **Greg Dennis** was thrilled to find in his mailbox the perfect antidote to the heat: the season's first issue of *Powder* magazine. One of the first articles in that issue was written by **Tim Etchells**, former editor of this magazine and now VP/publications at *Ski Racing* in Warren, VT. ■ **Phil Davis** sent a brief postscript to his note in the fall issue. "One of my daughter Rachel's ('00) best friends at Midd is Meghan Harris '00, daughter of **Peter Harris**, who's a doctor in northern VT. After Meghan came home with Rachel for spring break, Peter sent us a gallon of VT maple syrup from his own trees. That's been a great treat!" Phil and his son skied at Jackson Hole last winter with **Peter Parnegg** and his father. Phil claims that "Peter skis as well as he ever did." ■ **Vicky Cloutier Phelps** is a paralegal in the corporate and securities area with Latham and Watkins in Los Angeles. Before moving to CA in 1980, she and husband Rick lived in Costa Rica. Now just a "half hour walk" from the Rose Bowl, they take full advantage of Rose and Superbowl games, World Cup and professional soccer, and many other events. Sons Dwight (14), Andrew (12), and Patrick (8) all play soccer, baseball, and (soon) football, "so most of our weekends are spent driving to sports events. It gets a little tiresome, but I know that in a few years when the kids are gone and there are no more games to go to, we will really miss it. At least that's what everyone tells me!" ■ **Chris Granstrom** and **Barry Schultz King** have something in common. We both heard indirectly from **Glenn "Gondo" Dallaire**! Chris received word that *VT Life* magazine had received an e-mail message from Gondo after Chris's latest article (on Shelburne Farms). Chris has become a not-uncommon contributor to *VT Life* and other magazines. He has a humorous essay coming out soon in *Smithsonian*. Following a successful strawberry season at Granstrom's, Chris is busy writing and Michaela Pontoppidan Granstrom '75 is busy teaching art in their local New Haven, VT, school. My own connection with Gondo was very exciting. Warren and I recently received an American flag in the mail from one of our senators, along with a message that it had been flown over the Capitol in our names *at the request of Glenn Gondo Dallaire*! Attempts to reach him have so far been unsuccessful, but I hope he reads this. THANKS, GONDO! ■ **Nat Forbes** (nforbes@pacific.net.sg) and **Stacie Brown** were married in Minneapolis on August 7. Among those attending the ceremony were **Peter Worthington** and his wife, Nancy Webster (Stacie's

close friend for 30 years), and their children, Hannah and Christopher Worthington; along with Nat's sons Thomas and Ashton Forbes. Nat and Stacie live in Singapore, where Nat heads Forbes Calamity Prevention. You can write them at P.O. Box 133, Pasir Panjang Post Office, Singapore 911125; tel. 65-776-4284.

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald (macemmert@aol.com), 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Charles Jacobi has received the Director's Award for Natural Resource Management for his work in Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME. He was cited for developing monitoring techniques using a computer simulation model to assess potential overuse of the park's road system. He also developed the park's first climbing management plan and a program to protect and monitor visitor use of the coastal islands. ■ As of June 8, **Emily Baldwin McPhie** (emcphie@usaid.gov) changed her address to USAID/Yerevan, Dept. of State, Washington, DC 20521-7020. "Although this address looks remarkably similar to my former address, it means the difference between Bangladesh and Armenia, i.e., thousands of miles!" ■ Since fall 1995, **Marty Henslee** has been hosting book study groups featuring Julia Cameron's book *The Artist's Way*. "I love encouraging others as well as myself to sing 'Our Own Song!' The most recent group was at a Barnes and Noble Bookstore. I'd love to hear from classmates! I am actively involved in a supervised pastoral care program called the Stephen's Ministry. Designed by Dr. Kenneth Haugh, a minister and psychologist, the program is a huge success at my church and nationwide. My brother's suicide in 1995 put me in a journey through grief and awakening that has catalyzed me into a deeper relationship with God, my own creativity, and my community. For the last three years I've studied the Bible in detail through Bible Study Fellowship. This study has enriched my life and my relationship with God. I'm beginning my 14th year as a massage therapist and became a Reiki Master in 1995. I love how the Reiki energy helps people!" ■ **Garrett Bleakley** is a chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant with Northwestern Mutual Life in San Diego. Gary's agency has been recognized as "America's Most Admired" life insurance company in 13 of the past 14 years by *Fortune Magazine*. ■ We regret to report the death of **Robert A. Brooks, Jr.**, on December 3, 1996, in Northern Ireland. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1976

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler (madler@hhj.com), 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

Peter and **Jane Crandall Kontrimas** live in Westwood, MA. They were married on September 16, 1995. ■ **Patty Forbes** is the new minority staff director and chief council for the Senate Committee on Small Business. She formerly directed nine programs as head of economic development at the Small Business Administration. This is Patty's second stint at Small Business, as she was previously deputy staff director. She also spent nine years in the general council's office at the SBA. A graduate of the Univ. of Southern CA law school ('81) and mother of three, she says that her dad was a small businessman, and it "helped me appreciate the difficulties that small business people go through." ■ **Jonathan Phillips**, prof. of chemical engineering at PA State Univ., has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study catalysts at Ben Gurian Univ. in Beer-Sheva, Israel, for six months. He and his family are looking forward to their visit to the capital of the Negev Desert. If you would like to keep in touch with Jonathan, you can reach him by e-mail at pwa@psu.edu. ■ **P. Joan Ingram Gavigan** (pjig@aol.com) writes "to say hi to everyone. It's been a busy few years. I regret missing Doc Fanning's tribute more than I regret missing reunion last year! I am still married to John Gavigan and last I looked, we still had six kids, although they are growing up fast—Kristin (20), Dori (18), Betsy (16), Danny (14), Sabrina (13), and JoAnna (11). Currently working for Heartly House, Inc., a wonderful program for victims of domestic violence in Frederick County, MD. I have the privilege of working with the most wonderful human beings—and still be a lawyer. What more can you ask for?" ■ Send e-mail to **Marion Adler** at madler@hhj.com, or jot down some news on the card inserted in your magazine each issue. Be sure to include us on your list for holiday cards, as well.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and Katie Lange Dolan, 4 Beach Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.*

Congratulations to **Betsy Seeley** and James Boger (IN Univ. '75), who were married on February 22, 1997. ■ **James Reese** is the assoc. dean of students at Bates College in Lewiston, ME. He believes that more minority students would stay in ME after graduation if companies were more aggressive in recruiting them. A recent ALANA (African-American/Latino/Asian/Native American) conference in Portland, Me, served in part as a jobs fair for minority group students, and introduced students to other members of minority groups who have found ME to be a good place to pursue their careers. ■ **Duncan Law** is now based in Cambridge, MA, as director of sales in the business division of Information Access Co. Duncan was formerly national sales manager for One-Source Information Services, where he was credited for pioneering enterprise-wide sales of information services into Fortune 1000 corporations and financial institutions. ■ Laurie and **Ron Gauthier** and son Andrew (3) welcomed Jonathan Mark Thomas to the family on August 21 at Brigham's and Women's Hosptial in Boston. "Andrew is a very proud big brother.

1978

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (irshdude@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne (hcpwrite@aol.com), 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Reunion is next spring and we have lots of news to get us in the mood. ■ Congratulations to **Katie Shepherd Furney**, who finished her dissertation and earned an Ed.D. in education last spring. Katie is an assistant professor at UVM, where she has taught special education and leadership in education to graduate students for 11 years. She and husband David Furney '73 live with their four kids in Richmond, VT, where Katie still finds time to run, ski, and ride horses. ■ Katie saw classmates **Craig Wells, Martha Lappen Pfeiffer**, and **Jaja Kumpa Milanesi** over the summer at the home of **Kathy Davis**. Craig, Katie, and Martha pulled out guitars and played together well into the night "just like old times," says Kathy, who adds that the trio sounded "great." (Rumor has it they may consent to a reunion weekend concert!) In Burlington, VT, Kathy has practiced law for 15 years at Downs, Rachlin & Martin, where **Paul Ode** is one of her partners. "I have a busy corporate and regulatory practice," Kathy writes, "primarily in the area of insurance. I live in Shelburne and try never to leave VT in the summer." Martha reports that "after five years in our cute, but money-eating farmhouse in Hinesburg, VT, we moved back to greater Boston and now live in Stow. I've found a good balance between work (a freelance writing business) and my very active son Max (7), with a little time left over for gardening, tennis, and seeing old friends." ■ **Jennifer K. Brown** (jennifer.k.brown@fmr.com) and husband Amory Haight are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Cody Cameron Haight, on April 8, 1997. ■ **Joyce Rowe Cassidy** tells us that the business she and her husband started last year is thriving. Cassidy & Cassidy, Inc., is a commercial brokerage firm dedicated exclusively to representing commercial real estate users—tenants, buyers, and investors. Joyce gave a speech in June on "How To Run Your Business From Your Home" at a huge convention attended by over 500 women business owners. "My husband Fran and I do two triathlons every summer," Joyce adds, "this being the fifth summer for us both. It gives us an excuse to stay in shape or at least not get too far out of shape!" ■ After spending the last 12 years moving all over the world—New York (twice!), Hong Kong (4 years and a son), and Chicago (6 years)—**Allison Lee Worthy**, husband Ford, and son Alexander (7) have settled down in NC, near UNC. After four years as a stay-at-home mom, Allison now has "ideal part-time job" as assistant director of admissions for the b-school, allowing her to be home in the afternoons and "time to be a soccer and PTA mom!" Allison has been in touch with **Reid Figel, Leslie Davis Zachary, Dale Comstock Sones**, and **Tina Gonzalez-Bain**, and would love to hear from **Anne Noble Ervine** (who appears elsewhere in this column) and **Laurie Galbreath Nichols**. ■ **Peter Culman** finds that e-mail makes staying in touch with class notes easy! Of his marriage last year, he says "if I had only known how good being married would be, I'd have done it much sooner!" Peter has left the world of institutional investing to serve as a personal investment adviser, building his practice from scratch. Wife Susan, a psychologist, has suggested they combine their practices, since money and emotional trauma are so connected. ■ **Paul Aaronson** has moved again! After relocating to London "for a few years" last spring, he has rejoined the ranks of NYC commuters and is now living in New Canaan, CT. It seems Morgan Stanley decided that managing the two new international investment products was better done stateside! Welcome back, Paul. This will make getting back to reunion next spring much easier! ■ A summer letter brought good news of the April marriage of **Anne Noble** and Harry F. Ervine, Jr. (Rutgers '70), in Bermuda. Harry is an obstetrician and gynecologist practicing in Falls Church, VA; he is also a clinical professor at Georgetown Univ. in DC. Anne writes, "I am now stepmother to four children

Ann Noble '78 and Harry F. Ervine, Jr. (see 1978 column)

(ranging in age from 6 to 19), two of whom live with us full time. I am working as in-house counsel to the television program *America's Most Wanted* in Washington, DC, and live in a 125-year-old farmhouse in VA that was once inhabited by Carl Sandburg and is constantly in need of repair. My oldest will be a second year at the Univ. of VA in the fall and my second oldest will be a senior in high school who will be visiting Middlebury for an interview in September. I figure with four kids, one of them will make the right choice." ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Anne Noble** and Harry F. Ervine, Jr., were married on April 26 at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Paget, Bermuda. They celebrated afterward on the beach with children Jennifer, Erica, Leigh, and Trey Ervine.

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH.03824.*

Richard Tarlov reports that San Francisco is full of Midd Kids. He and wife Janet live just two blocks from Ellen and **Bennett Miller** (creative director of Grey Advertising) and their two kids. Their houses both overlook the Noe Valley area. Leah and Steve Brock '81 (a photographer) and two kids live just over the hill from them. Over another hill, in the opposite direction, live Carolyn and **Peter Owens** and newborn son James. Peter (a landscape designer) and Carolyn (an architect) are reportedly busy assisting the Filipinos design vast tracts of housing outside of Manila. Richard, Bennett, and Peter celebrated 40th birthdays in style. Doug Lilly '81 lives south of S.F. in Silicon Valley, CFOing his way through successful tech companies. Steve Hanley '80, temporarily residing in Taibei with wife Shan Shan and daughter Jasmine, passed through recently to check in on S.F.'s newest brew pub, in which he is an investor. "The Beach Chalet," as it's called, is conveniently located next door to the Hanley condo on Ocean Beach. After a long day of licensing computer chips to the globe's largest high-tech companies, Steve plays bass in Taiwan's hottest rock band. Steve Brock is also a brew pub investor—in "The Thirsty Bear," which attracts visitors from around the world for its Spanish cuisine and craft brews. Rich is a principle in "Oakville Grocery," a group of four specialty food and wine stores. Steve "KB" Voorhees '80 visited for a week in June, sporting a Ryder truck loaded with his newest patented invention, the "BikeLid," a shelter and protection system for bicycles. You may have noticed these space-age designs at the Olympics. ■ Playwright **Dana Yeaton**, co-founder of the VT Young Playwrights Festival, conducted script-writing workshops at 20 VT middle and high schools in the past year. ■ **Peter Christianson** is the new director of marketing and administration for *Living on Earth*, a weekly environmental program distributed by National Public Radio. *Living on Earth* airs on more than 280 NPR stations and has earned a string of prestigious awards. Peter has done management, fund raising, and strategic planning for public radio for 10 years. From 1990 through 1995, he served as general manager of NPR affiliate WICN (Worcester, MA). Since 1994, he has also been the contributing editor of the *New England Nonprofit Quarterly*. ■ E-mail has brought us welcome reports from far-flung places in the last year or so, including a note from **Pia Sergo De Geer** (Ceremonimdstarv. 71, 181 40 Lidingv, Sweden; e-mail mikael@compuserv.com), who has lived in London or Sweden ever since graduation (except for a year in New York). Pia lives in Stockholm with husband Mikael De Geer and children Sara (8), Carl Johan (5), and Charlotte (1). Pia proves the rule that you find Middlebury connections everywhere: Soon after she and Mikael met, they discovered they had a friend in common—**Sylvia Lyche Davis**, whom Mikael met while getting a master's in mechanical engineering at Stanford. After Middlebury, Pia moved to London to work and attend business school. A job as a consultant with McKinsey & Co. took her home to Scandinavia and then to NYC for a year. "But all I did was work," she writes. "It was not exactly the place to work and have a family, so I started my consulting company, Pitchers Sergo & Partners, with an English woman here in Sweden." She later rejoined McKinsey in Stockholm, then became a partner in the executive recruiting firm Ray & Berndtson. Pia has not returned to work since the birth of Charlotte. "I am so enjoying being at home after many years of hard work and raising a family at the same time," she says. "Even though I stayed home about a year after the birth of both Sara and Carl Johann, I still feel that the children need more of me and I more of them. Mikael was home for six months after the birth of each child; he is still quite unique to have done so, even here in Sweden." The De Geers are enjoying Sweden, but are considering a move to the States. "Mikael is a real computer nerd (but I love him anyway!) and, given the demand for engineers in the U.S., we hope there may be some opportunities. Any suggestions?"

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

David MacCrellish (2square@lr.net) is the owner of 2Square Carromboards in Meredith, NH, the first U.S. manufacturer of international standard boards. In summer 1996, 2Square supplied all of the boards for the first U.S. Open International Carrom Federation tournament, in which Dave and his partner placed ninth in the doubles competition. In June 1997, the U.S. National Championships were sponsored by 2Square and held in Wellesley, MA, where Dave grew up. Dave reports that "building carromboards and promoting this fabulous game is the ideal job for me. It brings together what I love most: meeting people from all walks of life, designing and creating beautiful wood objects—all while playing a game." To provide your kids with an alternative to video games, contact Dave via e-mail or at 603/279-5985. ■ **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** has a list of things to be proud of: First, during graduate school she received a clinical fellowship award for expertise in the field of audiology. Second, she was asked to make a presentation on education audiology at a national conference on speech and hearing. Third, her daughter Katherine sings in a Japanese choir, with a solo in school assembly; Katherine was also nominated for a humanitarian award at her school. And fourth, daughter Hilary (4) is a wonderful artist. ■ **Peregrine Wolff** has a new job as a vet at Walt Disney World. ■ **Marcus Baker** has been elected to the board of directors of the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, NY. ■ **Barbara Amsden** has been named treasurer and VP, information, finance, and services, of the Canadian Bankers Assoc. She has worked for the CBA for 10 years, most recently as director, financial affairs div. ■ The food service business **Jeff Barstow** founded has celebrated its first very successful 10 years. Jeff reports that he "acquired a taste for the food service industry" in the course of serving as "the steward of his fraternity while in school." As steward, Jeff was responsible for menu planning, managing the cook, and working with the fraternity's food purveyors. After working in the food brokerage business for a while, Jeff developed a business plan that would take him back to the NH seacoast to run a locally-owned, service-oriented distributorship. From very modest beginnings in 1987, Favorite Foods has enjoyed at least a 20 percent growth in sales each year and has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, including last year's Purveyor of the Year Award from the Piscataqua Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. ■ **Dan Nourse** and wife Lori, who were married in the Chapel during our senior year, moved to Lake Tahoe after graduation. Dan worked at Alpine Meadows Ski Area on the CA North Shore from 1980 to 1991, "on the hill at first, ultimately as director of communications/co-director of marketing." He still teaches skiing part time and is "always happy to give free (if not good) advice on how to get the most out of your visit to Tahoe!" In 1991, he co-founded *Adventure West* magazine in Incline Village, NV, and served as national advertising manager. Last February he and the former circulation director of *Adventure West* launched a new business out of Carson City, NV, GCA Inc. (702-887-8872), "providing the publishing industry with a source for outsourcing. We and our network of specialists can help publishers with anything on the business side of their magazines." Dan reports that he is "even in contact with Rachel Morton, editor of *Middlebury Magazine*, trying to figure out a way to justify—from a business standpoint—regular trips back to Midd! Lori and Dan report that son Daryl (14) is a promising distance runner, and daughter Jackie (12), a soccer addict. Over the years, Dan has maintained regular contact with several classmates, about whom he sends updates. A wildlife biologist for the state of MA, **Bill Davis** is married with two kids, **Marna (Mraz) Ehrech**, who has relocated to VT to get her own business underway, is married with two kids. **Tom Hay**, also married with two kids, is in corporate marketing and lives outside of Chicago. **Kimberly Adams Perkins**, now single with two kids, is the evening news anchorwoman for a network station in UT. **Neil Brisson**, an international banker doing the CT to NYC commute, is married with four kids. Now single, **Particia Lammers** is the owner of a landscaping business in CT. **Dick Foote**, an attorney practicing right in the heart of Middlebury, is married to the woman who led Midd's women's lacrosse team to the Division III national championship. They have two kids. ■ **David Mandell** and wife Hillary Blake Mandell (sister of **Pam Blake**) welcomed the arrival of daughter Chloe Elizabeth on July 4 in New Canaan, CT.

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

When *Middlebury Magazine* ran a story on the nautical adventures of **Chris West** (see page 18, winter 1996 issue), the title on the piece was "Sea Change." By some quirk of fate, Chris is now the VP of a high technology company called—you guessed it!—SeaChange International, a public company building computers for the television cable and broadcasting marketplace. Chris says he is "running the Pacific Rim operations and will more than likely move back to Asia at some point in the next year." This summer, Chris sold his boat and married Christy Dutter, who was introduced to him by Midd buddy **Boz Dewey** in Washington, DC. Christy is also a friend of **Sue Dutcher Wagley** and was a Dallas tennis partner before Christy moved back east. Chris writes, "I think I have the next big adventure just ahead. Life moves on." ■ **Ann Luginbuhl** writes that she is finishing up her 12th year at the same address in Dennysville, ME, though her ever itchy feet are often scratched by journeys, such as an awesome trip to Europe last summer with Sophie (8) and Will (6). Lugi works at Charlotte Elementary School (Pembroke, ME), where Will is 50 percent of the first grade and Sophie is 25 percent of the third grade. Ann also wrote that she recognized the "Rose" voice on Monitor Radio News as that of **Stephen Rosenfeld**. ■ **Lisa Morgan** is living in CO with her little Lee and husband Kelly Elder. ■ **Susan Kulp** of Amherst, MA, has been named associate director in the pension management div. at MA Mutual Life Insurance Co. ■ **Jim Miller** (navigate@tiac.net) reports the newest partner of Miller Business Navigators & *Son* is Jesse Macfarland Miller. Jim and wife Donna welcomed Jesse on June 24, 1997. "Weighing in at 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and stretched to an impressive 22 inches, Jess is bound to end up even bigger than his dad! He has long hair—brown with blond 'frosting!' We are now understanding what a true miracle life is. We'll keep you posted as the adventure continues." ■ **Polly Holyoke** (cholyoke@aol.com) was watching Sesame Street with daughter Sarah (now 3) when she received her agent's call with the good news of the sale of her first historical romance, *Golden Dreams*, to Leisure Books. (Don't look for it under her name; she uses the pen name of Anna DeForest.) Polly has always loved history and taught western history to junior high schoolers in Denver for several years before moving to CA. Polly and husband **Joe Champ** do a variety of sports, from wind surfing to scuba diving. She also enjoys gardening. With two pre-schoolers to care for, Polly has to do some fast writing during nap times.

1982

Class Secretaries: *Mary Beth Litster Cockerham (marybeth.cockerham@east.sun.com), 1262 Dartmouth Ct., Alexandria, VA 22314; and Ellen Harris Swiggett (jswigg@aol.com), 13 Georgetown Cir., Madison, CT 06443.*

Greetings from your new class secretaries! We want to take this opportunity to thank **Charlie Robinson** and **Alison McGhee**, our outgoing class secretaries, for five years of outstanding class notes. There is nothing better than receiving the *Middlebury Magazine*, flipping to the '82 page and finding a long and newsy column. In order to continue this great tradition, we need your help. (Otherwise we might have to fill the column with too much information about the lives of MaryBeth and Ellen—and we wouldn't want to do that to you!) Please feel free to write or e-mail us with all of your news—big and small. We'd love to hear from everyone, especially those of you who rarely send news. (You know who you are!) We look forward to hearing from you! ■ **Robin Hirsch Friedman**, husband Jeff, and daughter Hannah (4) moved from NJ to Madison, WI, in early June—one month before the birth of Lily Rebecca. Robin would love to hear from old friends and alums at 6415 Stonefield Rd., Middleton, WI 53562. ■ **Jeff Legro** and wife Janet welcomed their second child, daughter Margaret (Meg), just before moving to Charlottesville, VA, where Jeff has a position in the political science dept. at UVA. ■ A feature screenplay by **Suzanne Griffin** (zanneriffin@msn.com) has been chosen as the winner of the 1997 Beigel Screenplay Award, sponsored by the Independent Feature Project, the Writers Guild of America, and the Beigel Entertainment Corp. The award carries with it a $5,000 prize. ■ **Todd Summers** (Todd_Summers@oa.eop.gov) has been appointed deputy director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. He will be working as deputy to Sandra Thurman, who was recently appointed by President Clinton as the new "AIDS czar." For the past seven years, Todd's been the executive director of the AIDS Housing Corp., a non-profit agency he helped to found. ■ **Dean Jerrehian**, a former senior assistant regional counsel at the EPA, is now in the estates department at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll. Dean is also enrolled in the Temple Univ. School of Law graduate tax program. ■ **James Ralph**, an assoc. prof. of history at Middlebury, is a civil rights scholar and the author of *Northern Protest: Martin Luther King, Jr., Chicago, and the Civil Rights Movement.* Two more books have come out recently: *Bayard Rustin: Troubles I've Seen* is the first full-length portrait of the man who helped ground Martin Luther King, Jr., in Gandhian non-violence; and *Let My People Go: Cairo, Illinois, 1967-1973* is a photographic chronicle of the civil rights struggle in one city.

1983

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 735 Storywood, Houston, TX 77024; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 3628 Knik Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

On July 21, **Jennifer Laird** and Richard White (Wheeling Jesuit '81) had "a great wedding with lots of Midd folk in attendance—my dad Jim Laird '62, my brother Nick Laird '88, **Holly Charlesworth Casner, CC Bitting Cunningham, Cindy Gavett Mumford**, Edie Magnus Mayer '79, Al '60 and Jean Yeomans Lamson '62, Steve Adams '63, Lindsay Adams '95—and probably a bunch more I'm forgetting. I'm a correspondent for CBS News; Rich is a freelance cameraman and, yes, we met through work." ■ **John F. Weeks** has been promoted to senior relationship manager/team leader in the Manchester (NH) office of Fleet Private Clients Group (formerly known as Fleet Investment Services). ■ **Victoria Seiden Gonin** is relocating to Paris (4, rue Marguerite 75017) for one year with husband Xavier's company. "I am looking forward to spending time with my three sons—Benjamin (7), Jonathan (4), and Sebastian (10 mos.)—as well as improving my French." ■ **David H. Wallace** has been elected to the executive committee of the general practice law firm Kelley McCann & Livingstone in Cleveland, OH. ■ **Dana Mitiguy** has been promoted to chief investment officer in the trust and investment group of Peoples Heritage Bank in Portland, ME. Dana has 13 years in the investment management field. ■ In March, **John Nelson** (jnelson@igc.org) moved from NYC to Gloversville, NY, where he serves as pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ. His ordination took place on June 22. ■ Congratulations to our new parents! **Ben** and **Susie Rose Merrick** (merrick@inet.champlain.edu) of Burlington, VT, welcomed daughter Jane Irene on July 1, 1997. Janie joins sister Katie (2 1/2). Ben is enjoying his dental (prosthodontics) practice in Shelburne, while Susie is teaching English part time at Champlain College. They often speak to **Gerard** and Jenny Merrick '84 **Vecchio**, who are now living outside of Hartford, CT, with daughters Sabine (6) and Alexis (4). ■ July 24 was the birthday of Christina Mary, first child of George and **Pam Kapsimalis Parsells**. Both lawyers in NJ, Pam and George recently purchased a home in Bernardsville. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Amy Spangler** and Rich O'Connell were married aboard the historic, wooden, *Skansonia* ferryboat on Lake Union in Seattle. They celebrated during a beautiful day (May 20, 1995) on the water with **Paige Fronapfel Moore**, the newlyweds, Louise Limbach Spangler '53 (mother of the bride), **Amy Wilcox, Lisa Seyferth, Bill Jacobus, Reneé Shattuck Haynes**, George Limbach '55 (uncle), Sally Dickerman Brew '55, Karl Limbach '54 (uncle), Lois Robinson Limbach '54 (aunt), and Mary Moreau Cowan '54. Amy and Rich live in Seattle.

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case (76347.1131@compuserve.com), 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

Mark Dornblasser is proud of "Himalayan Light," a selection of photographs

Amy Spangler '83 and Rich O'Connell (see 1983 column)

he took in the Everest region of Nepal (up to 18,000 feet) which went on exhibit this summer at the National Video Center in NYC. Other photography of his appeared in the *Photographer's Forum, Best of Photography Annual: 1996.* ■ **Rebecca Bayless Theobald** is proud of children Sarah (almost 7) and Andrew (4), "who in eight months have learned how to attend school in French. Margaret (15 mos.) currently speaks all languages, an advantage in polyglot Brussels." The Theobalds would be delighted to see traveling Middlebury folk at Val des Seigneurs, 9; 1150 Woluwe-St. Pierre; Belgium. Rebecca sends thanks to Robert Carolla '78 for noting the importance of raising good kids (page 27, spring issue). "I'll try to remember it's a responsibility to history." ■ Pediatrician **Elias Socolof** has joined the medical staff of Compre-Care at the newly opened Queensbury (NY) Pediatrics and Family Medicine. He recently completed his residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. He lives in Queensbury with wife Roslyn and their daughter. ■ **Susan Bauer** is an MIA student in choreography at UCLA. She returned to Midd in June to take part in BodyStories, a workshop in experiential anatomy led by Andrea Olsen and Caryn McHose. Last February, Susan gave a presentation on "A Body Mind Approach to Movement Education for Adolescents" at the 4th annual Dance Science and Somatics Conference in Cleveland, OH. ■ **Jim Burke** has successfully directed (and more importantly) *sold* a feature film for a profit. ■ **David Wagstaff** was severanced, played golf and traveled for three months, broke his zygoma in three places, and recently joined Bankers Trust, corporate finance, in L.A. ■ **Phil Huffman** graduated from Yale with a master's in forestry. ■ **Mason** (the GolfWeb Master) **Wells** is a legend on the "I sell golf stuff on the Internet" circuit. ■ The marriage of **Anne Chapman** and Brenton Gardner-Smith took place on May 9 in Hana, on Maui, HI. Now living in Aspen, CO, Anne is employed by Susan Duval Gallery and Brenton by Aspen Skiing Corp. ■ Debra Gudelis and **Garitt Kono** were married on May 31 in Roselle, NJ. In NYC, Debra is VP of Rea Lubar Inc., a public relations company, and Tony is a producer and reporter for Bloomberg News Radio and TV. ■ Beth Singer and **Benet Pols** were married at Sebasco Lodge in ME on May 31. With a law degree from George Mason Univ., Benet is an attorney in Bath, ME. ■ Dr. **Roberta Sengelmann Kesner** writes: "I finally came to my senses and married my medical school sweetheart Tamir H. Kesner (UVA '89) after almost eight years of 'dating.' We were married in Houston on June 8, just weeks before completing my dermatology residency at UT. Now he has returned to the Univ. of IA to complete his general surgery residency and I'm doing a one-year dermatologic surgery fellowship at UT Southwestern in Dallas." ■ On June 28, Alison Collins and **Steven Wright** were married in Darien, CT. Steve's sister Wendy Wright Marrinan '79 was a bridesmaid. After a trip to the French Riviera and bicycling through the Loire Valley, the newlyweds are at home in Rowayton. ■ The July 5 marriage of Alix Noel and **Philip Toub** took place on Mustique Island in the British West Indies. Alix is owner/designer at Monica Noel children's clothiers in Greenwich, CT. ■ **Neill Morgan-Butcher**, whose daughter Margaret was born on September 8, 1996, reports that Maggie's favorite word is—of course—"daddy." ■ We are happy to announce several more new arrivals. Bringing Steve and **Gillian Goodman Segal** great joy on March 25 was the arrival of Evan Noah Goodman Segal. He joins brother Max (3 3/4). In the Small Middlebury World department, Gillian reports that their new next-door neighbors are Bart and Lisa Hollander Rickenbaugh '89, who purchased a home from the mother of Whitney Todd '91. ■ **Todd** (hermanst@phibro.com) and Susan Cooper '87 **Hermanson** and daughter Ingrid (3) welcomed Elsa Howard Hermanson on March 25. ■ John and **Katrina Scully Ohl**, of Lincoln, MA, welcomed second child Liana on April 3. Katrina is a marketing manager three days a week at Scully Company and also volunteers with E.F. Au Pair as local child care coordinator. "Anyone need info on having an Au Pair? Give me a call." ■ **"Wing"** and **Evan Sidel Pepper** announced the arrival of firstborn Lucy Wayne Pepper on April 4. Evan is the style editor of *Conde Nast* sports for women. ■ Steve and **MaryAnne Herlihy Ulian** welcomed son Emmett last summer. Emmett joins big brother Christopher. Moving to Chicago in October, Steve has a new job and MaryAnne hopes to continue part time for Lotus. ■ Benjamin Conrad, third child of **Tory Johnson** and Paul Schumacher, recently joined siblings Wilson (5 1/2) and Charlotte (2). ■ Kathryn and **Tom Knox** are delighted to announce the arrival of Elizabeth "Betsy" Kathryn Knox on September 9. ■ **Richard Woodward** reports that life is good with wife Rosie and children Christopher (3) and Sophia (14 mos). With his Ph.D. in agricultural and applied economics from Madison, WI, Rich has a faculty position at Texas A & M (dept. of agricultural economics. ■ **Jennifer Bailey** runs the Website for Netscape Communications Corp., where she is VP-electronic marketing. You can check out her work and get some free trial software at http://www.home.netscape.com. It's estimated that the site generated $27.7 million in advertising in 1996. ■ **Jason Bacon** (jbacon@excite.com) writes from London of a get-together at Thompson's Point on Lake Champlain, "just to check that VT was still as beautiful as we remember it. It is!" The grand gathering at the end of July included **Todd** and Sue Cooper '87 **Hermanson** with Ingrid and Elsa; Kathy and **Tom Knox** with Teddy and Liam; Katherine and **David Torres** with Alice; Sue and **Andy Zehner** with Emma and Nell; **Mark** and Sarah Van Tuyl '85 **Ray**; Pam and **John Hamilton** with Stephen and Sarah; Kathy and **Tim Simpson** with Rachael; Kris and **Paul Drain** with Jason and Kyle; Tracey and **Pepsi McCormick** with Patrick and Amanda; **Peter** and **Karen Kaminski Tichansky** with Leah and Sarah; Nicole and Mathew Bacon '87 with Claudia; and **Marty Lanigan**. ■ **Pete Wlodkowski** recorded his first hole-in-one on July 19 at Gleneagles International in San Fran and "proceeded to buy most of the Bay Area the customary drink, whether I knew them or not!" Pete headed to VT in August for the sixth annual "Goodfellas" two-man tournament, dreamed up by **Brian O'Sullivan** and attended by **Ron Klein, Kevin D'Arcy, Tom Steinle, Rick Peterson, Andy Varney, Dennis Boyle, Steve Ford, Toby Daley, Tom Baldwin, Jim Harrington, Scott Fillenworth, Jeff Connolly, Bob McNamara**, and **Bill Boscow**.

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (Dale_Sailer@cccis.com), 935 Washington St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Jon and **Tammy Gray Iralu** are learning "by degrees" how to raise their three children: Ellie (8), Mary Eve (2), and Clare (1). Tammy explains: "My first post-baccalaureate degree was my MRS in August 1985. Then, in May 1986, I received an MED (an education degree from Smith). After a brief teaching stint in Boston schools, I became an MBC (mother by choice) and entered graduate school the same month my baby was due. After seven years in graduate school, I accepted the MA/IQ (Master of Arts/I Quit) and relocated to NM with my husband and daughter. Here I decided to further my MBC and, with the arrival of a second daughter, I applied for the MD (more diapers). Despite the nights on call and trips to the ER (emergency room), I was undeterred and went for the MMD (more and more diapers) with a third daughter." Classmates considering this field should contact Tammy at jiralu@ciag.com. ■ **Adam Battelstein** toured the world for seven years with the dance group Pilobolus, but now he has a home and farms a plot of land in Kent, CT. He still teaches at Pilobolus and does solo concerts, but he has also gotten back into acting. He recently had the title role in the New Milford Theatre-Works production of the Paul Rudnick comedy *Jeffrey*. Adam's philosophy: "I do what feels like fun, and what I feel passionate about. It has to be something that really speaks to me." ■ **Charlie Wanzer** and Lydia Faesy were house building this summer. They have bought land in East Montpelier with wildflowers, sugar bush, and raspberries. ■ **Susanne Fuschs-Wegmann** and her husband own and run a guesthouse in Gansbaai, South Africa. ■ **David** and **Nancy Metcalfe Tegeler** report the birth of son Andrew on July 11, 1996. Andrew has a sister, Caroline, who turned four in September. ■ Where are lost classmates **Tom Fowler, Brigid Nicholson, Jan Muller**, and **Al Steg**? ■ **Anne DiVecchio Gripenstraw** (gripens@wellsfargo.com) and husband Bart had their first child, Henry Barton Gripenstraw, on February 20, and "he's super." Anne is a portfolio manager for Wells Fargo Bank (now called Wells Capital Management) and Bart is a pharmaceutical sales rep for Abbott Labs. "We still live in San Francisco but hope to make it to the 'burbs in a couple of years." ■ **David "Fuzzy"** and **Cynthia Martin Brown** welcomed twins Julia and Henry on January 30. The twins joined older brother Sam (4) and sister Mallory (3). Fuz is still trading mortgages, now at Paine Webber, and living in Pelham, NY. Recent highlight: a Memorial Day picnic at their home with 25 families—a combined 75 kids and babies. ■ **Bill Baskin** has been presented with new career challenges. In August, he joined the in-house legal department at the Pratt & Whitney division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford, CT. He will be doing U.S. and foreign acquisitions and joint ventures in the "aftermarket" area. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** The July 27, 1996, marriage of Freddy Cousins and **Ward Joyce** took place in a flower nursery in Afton, MN—"amongst the buzzing bees." With them in the garden were **Michael Goldfinger, John Burns**, the newlyweds, **John Scott**, and **Dan Cantor**. Freddy is from Cornwall, England.

1986

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msh@cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (jogden@spsfg.pvt.k12.md.us), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

Bob Lehmann (bob_lehmann@fmr.com) has been busy in the last year: "I completed two graduate degrees—an MBA and a master's in computer science—last summer. I began working for a consulting company shortly thereafter, but found the travel to be too much. I now work for Fidelity Investments in

Boston. I bought a condo in the Beacon Hill part of Boston in December and am enjoying fixing it up. I haven't kept in touch with many Midd people, but do see John and Allison Beckwith Melson (both '87) regularly." ■ Tom and **Kathryn Haralambous Van Sant** are living in Santa Barbara, CA, where he's still in radio and she's still a newspaper columnist. ■ **Nadia Kerwat** (siprank@tin.it) now works at SIPRA (RAI 100%), a company that sells advertising spaces for RAI (the National Italian Television Station). Nadia deals with all new projects, such as Internet sites and RAI International, a new RAI channel broadcasting in all continents. ■ In other Continental news, **Toni Sparrow** (74011.2520@compuserve.com) reports: "My spousal equivalent got a job in Paris so we're moving there. I'm looking for friends and work in the area. I'm a physical therapist, but will also try other options. ■ **Steven Sullivan**, of Saratoga Springs, has been named director of communication for Independent Power Producers of NY, Inc. This not-for-profit organization represents more than 100 companies developing and operating electric generating facilities using highly efficient co-generation and renewable energy sources. ■ **Margaret Coleman** received her Ph.D. in geology from MIT in June. She got her M.S. at Carleton College (1990) in Ottawa, where her thesis won the 1990 Best Thesis Award of the Structural Div. of the Geological Assoc. of Canada. Now she's a National Science Foundation post doctoral fellow at Yale. ■ **Heather Frazier Komaromy**, known professionally as Heather Ishimaru, is a KGO-TV reporter in the San Francisco Bay area. Heather is on live every night—either in the newsroom or the field covering kidnappings, floods, and scandals. It was while working in Seattle that she decided to use her mother's maiden name: "I think to the extent that I can identify with the Asian community, I am a valid sort of representative. I was a little conflicted over it in the beginning, but it's come very naturally. It's also a nice nod to my grandparents, because in my generation there is no male Ishimaru." ■ On August 17, 1996, Heather Lee Wilson and **Andrew Bucknam** were married in Orange, CT. Both Hartford lawyers, she is an associate with Updike, Kelly & Spellacy and he's with Morrison, Mahoney & Miller. They live in Simsbury. ■ Attracted by skiing and kayaking, **Dudley Ottley** moved from Atlanta to the High Country in May. Now living in Avon, CO, with wife Mary Beth, Dudley is selling property for Slifer, Smith & Frampton/Vail Associates at the base of Arrowhead Ski Mountain in the Vail Valley. You can learn more by calling 1-800-535-8882 or checking out the website at http://www.realestatevail.com. ■ **Jeffrey Steiger** recently left his position at FAO Schwarz in Boston to become a full-time MBA candidate at Boston College. He and wife Katherine Ury Steiger '87 welcomed second son Cole on May 28. Grant will be three in December ■ **Kate Tabner** and **Michael Boardman** are the proud parents of Samantha Tabner Boardman, born on January 5. ■ Living in Dallas, Jeff and **Lynne Beers Walters** welcomed son Christopher King Walters to the family on June 16. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Celebrating with **Mary Sue Holland** and Frank Dehn following their April 5 marriage were (front) **Debbie Vehse Lund**, **Laura Gworek**, (standing) **Margaret Gill Sobel**, **Mary Cleveland Brown**, **Lisa Eddy Donnelly**, **Cathy Perillo**, **Christine Langlois**, the newlyweds, **Kristin Roberts Asbury**, **Jenni Lawrence Horan**, and **Lynne Beers Walters**. **Rich Sobel** missed the photo.

1987

Class Secretary: *Ann Christie Gusiff, 1666 Whitefield Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104; and Scott Langerman (scott.langerman@turner.com), 1098 Rosedale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306.*

As this column marks the official changing of the Class Secretarial Guard, a hearty "thank you" goes out to **Cam McClearn** and **John Castle**, on behalf of the entire Class of '87, for five terrific (and remarkably quick) years of service. We only hope that the next five years' worth of notes can keep us as well informed and in touch. On another administrative note, you'll no doubt notice that the secretarial ranks have gratefully increased by one, as **Ann Christie Gusiff** has generously agreed to help field the numerous calls, letters, and e-mails that we are counting on receiving in the coming months. ■ **John Glosto** reports from Kazakhstan in the former Soviet Union, where he has been named district manager for British Airways. BA is beginning non-stop service between London and Kazakhstan, and John has been hiring staff, renovating offices, and, of course, making sure there are planes available to fly. John wants to hear from you at John-Daniel.1.Glosto@British-Airways.com. ■ **Michael Desmond** has left San Francisco in favor of a more peaceful existence with wife Anne, son Kevin (15 mos.), and Finnegan (yellow lab) in Burlington, VT. Thanks to right-thinking management and modern technology, Michael telecommutes from Burlington in his role as a reviews editor for *PC World* magazine. Since returning to VT, Michael has gotten together with Wendy and Jeff Morrill and son Jake. ■ **Eileen Angelini** has been doing her part to uphold the Class of '87's fine athletic and academic traditions. The tennis team she coached at the 1997 World Scholar Athlete Games in Newport, RI, took home not only the team silver medal, but two individual gold medals and three individual silvers as well. Her accomplishment is even more impressive since her team was comprised of students from four countries and seven states—definitely a cross-cultural coaching experience! To top that off, Eileen was also granted a scholarship by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages to attend the Université de Montreal for a seminar on Contemporary Quebecois Culture last summer. Eileen (AngeliniE@philacol.edu) can be reached at the Philadephia College of Textiles and Sciences. ■ That was the sound of breaking hearts you heard up and down the Eastern Seaboard on August 16, when **Dominic Napolitano** married Julie Jaworski. **Paul Bottino** served as Dom's best man, and numerous other '87ers were in attendance as well. Congratulations to Dom and Julie. ■ **Amy Sylvester** and Jonathan Averill were married on June 21. Amy's cousin, David Sylvester '892, was best man, and her brother Mark Sylvester '95 was an usher. Now living in South Burlington, Amy is employed by Sylvester & Maley, while Jonathan works for AT&T. ■ On August 16, **Erika Donovan** and Jaime Estades were married in NYC. With a master's from New School for Social Research and a J.D. from Rutgers, Erika is employed by the East Harlem Council for Human Services. Jaime is executive director for Hispanic Education and Legal Fund, while a Revson Fellow at Columbia. ■ Daughter Elsa Howard Hermanson joined Todd '84 (hermanst@phibro.com) and **Susan Cooper Hermanson** on March 25, 1997. Elsa's sister, Ingrid, is three. ■ **Katherine Ury Steiger** (steiger@pop.tiac.net) was sorry to miss Reunion, but "as our classmates were gathering at Bread Loaf, I was waiting for my husband, Jeff Steiger '86, and son Grant (2 1/2) to take me and my new son, Cole (5/28/97), home from Mass General Hospital! We are living in Brookline, MA, and in October I will be returning to my part-time job at BankBoston. I work in the Business Credit Group Mon/Tues/Weds and I recommend the schedule to everyone!" ■ **Jane Gorham** has joined the law firm of Warner & Stackpole LLP as an associate in the litigation dept. ■ **Lisa Kaplan** and husband Daniel Davy celebrated the third birthday of daughter

Freddy Cousins and Edward Joyce '85 (see 1985 column)

Mary Sue Holland '86 and Frank Dehn (see 1986 column)

Betsy Dollinger and Jason Bernstein '88 (see 1988 column)

Torrey Wise '88 and David Meglaughlin (see 1988 column)

Michael Obel-Omia '88 keeps sending students to Middlebury (see 1988 column)

Jerrica Fey Davy on August 17. ■ **David Rosen**, MD, finished his residency in otolaryngology—head and neck surgery, and has joined the faculty at Thomas Jefferson Univ. Hospital. We also congratulate him on his marriage to Cheryle Solow in August 1995. ■ **Phil** and Elise Gallerani '88 **Lawson** are enjoying the mountains, cross country skiing, mountain biking, and hiking available in NH, where Phil is practicing medicine at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (Littleton), Whitefield Family Health Center, and Littleton Regional Hospital's ER. After Middlebury, Phil trained for a spot on the Canadian National Nordic Ski Team, but due to an injury he returned to VT to teach English and ethics at VT Academy. He then attended medical school at the Univ. of Calgary, did his residency through McMaster Univ. at Thunder Bay. Phil reports that the biggest plus for him in accepting a job with ACHS was the job's flexibility—and "the environment was a big draw." Phil and Elise, a wildlife biologist, live in Franconia with dogs Cleo and Sibley.

1988

REUNION CLASS

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Brad Ring is the new direct marketing manager for Storey Communications in Pownal,VT. Storey publishes more than 350 book titles specializing in "how-to" information for country living. Brad and wife Kathleen live in Manchester, VT, with daughter Bailey. ■ **Chris Storkerson** has been appointed director of corporate development for Digital Gene Technologies Inc. in La Jolla, CA. Chris was recently awarded the Richard Buskirk Award for excellence in entrepreneurship by the Univ. of Southern CA. In 1996, he completed a fellowship in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, sponsored by the U.S.-Indonesia Society. ■ Also in southern CA, **Sybil McCarthy Hadfield** reports that "life in L.A. is the best—don't believe the bad stuff!" Sybil is freelance producing and doing voice-over for TV and radio commercials. She lives in Santa Monica with husband David. ■ Son Douglas Heath joined Betsy and **Andrew Waine** on July 14. Douglas has a brother, Hans Frederick (4), and a sister, Sophie Elizabeth (2). Andrew is now working at West LB German Bank in NYC. ■ Last summer, **Chris** and **Diana Stuart Sinton** moved to Alfred, NY, where Diana is now an assistant prof. of environmental studies at Alfred Univ. ■ The February 8 marriage of Martha Kiser and **Brandt Williamson** took place in Upperville, VA. Brandt graduated from the Univ. of VA School of Medicine and is now an ER physician at Martinsburg (WV) City Hospital. ■ **Karen Benfield** and John Zucker were married on May 25 at the 200 Fifth Club in NYC. Karen is a segment producer for CBS News and John is senior counsel for ABC News. ■ In June 1996, **John Brainerd** cycled 545 miles (from San Francisco to Los Angeles), raising over $5,000 with CA AIDS Ride 3! In that same month, he left his job as director of supported employment, providing vocational rehabilitation services to people with disabilities, to travel for the summer. "My travels took me back to AK to visit family and friends, on a sailboat with my parents sailing up the coast of New England for the month of July and off to Sweden to visit Beatrice Wallenberg '89, with short visits to Denmark and Iceland—for their $12 beers!" After completing his first year at Golden Gate Univ. School of Law, he traveled in summer 1997 to Turkey, Prague, Berlin, and Amsterdam. He's now enrolled in a study program in law based in Istanbul, where he is studying international environmental law and international public law, including human rights related issues. ■ We apologize to Craig and Melissa Duryea Lewis (mbduryea@aol.com). We incorrectly reported that Craig works for Bank America, when he really works for **Barclays de Zoette Wedd** in London. They been in London for a year and are really enjoying the experience—traveling, meeting new people, and adjusting to the British culture. Melissa often sees **Jeff** and Kathleen Brigham '89 **Uberuaga**. Melissa is busy doing volunteer work with the Junior League of London and starting up the Middlebury Alumni Association of London. She and Craig were looking forward to President McCardell's August visit to London, following Bread Loaf graduation at Oxford. Melissa asks classmates to get in touch if you are moving to London! ■ **Michael Reynal** (michael_reynal@msn.com) e-mails: "After four years at Banque Paribas, where I ran the Latin American Equity Sales desk, I have finally taken the plunge: in September I started at the Amos Tuck School (Dartmouth) to pursue an MBA. I see in the latest '89 class notes that Dartmouth is a popular destination for Midd grads—presumably the climate. ■ **Lisa Kring Levin** and husband Ian are pleased to announce the August 28 birth of their son, Ryan Daniel. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* Celebrating the October 12, 1996, marriage of Betsy Dollinger and **Jason Bernstein** were Darrell Brown '81, Ralph Bergman '60, **Tim Farrell**, the bride, **Vic Sulzer**, the bridegroom, **Brett Rose**, and Chris Peters '86. Betsy is director of casting and creative development for Broadway producers Fran and Barry Weissler. Jason is director of AT&T's corporate mergers and acquisitions group. The newlyweds live in Summer, NJ, and NYC. ■ **Torrey Wise** and David Meglaughlin were married on August 9. Middlebury friends celebrating with them in Irvington, NY, included Paul T. Wise '59 (father of the bride), **Sarah Thompson Fulkerson**, William Ryan '59, **Kate Grund Kane**, **Marc Boyle**, **Sheila D'Arcy Boyle**, Hiromi Kishi Printz '87, Lyle Fulkerson '86, and Cornelia Wise Conklin '91 (sister of the bride). **Kristi Garrett Ransick** missed photo. ■ Two "generations" of Middlebury students gathered on May 9 with **Michael Obel-Omia**, who has taught them all at Roxbury Latin School in West Roxbury, MA: Ben Newman '99, David Devito '99, Jay Dunn '00, Matt Soule '00, Ron Allen '99, Nils Hegstad '00, Matt Franzosa '00, and Steve Kelly '00. Brett Alessi '98 missed the photo—because he was on the lacrosse field at the time, helping Middlebury men's lacrosse to a victory over CT College.

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7141 Lincoln Park Way, S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea (Timothy.C.O'Shea@ac.com), 26 Bradlee Rd., #18, Medford, MA 02155.*

After running the Addison County recycling program for seven years, **Porter Ball Knight** resigned last summer to venture out on her own. She now owns and operates a home-based professional organization service in Bristol, teaching people how to utilize their time and space. ■ David '87 and **Sheryl Cole Stearns** moved in August to Lusaka, Zambia, where they are both teaching at the International School. Sheryl is teaching German and David is teaching history. "It's great to be out of the rat race. Come visit!" ■ **Shonda Roberts Rogers** also invites visitors to Farmington, PA, where she is working as special events coordinator at "an awesome resort—Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa." ■ Two-time Olympian **Ann Battelle** completed the best season of her international ski career last year by winning her third moguls title at Sugarloaf-USA. ■ **Peter Gries** is a Ph.D. candidate in the dept. of political science at UC Berkeley. He spent last year at the Institute for Japanese Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, where he was doing research for his dissertation on the current wave of Chinese nationalism. ■ **Karen Blanchfield** is the first full-time curator of the Historical Society of the Town of Greenwich, CT. She is in charge of the restoration of the Bush-Holley House in Cos Cob, scheduled to open as a visitors center this November. Before coming to Greenwich, Karen was assistant curator of American decorative arts the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford for four years. While there, she was co-curator with William Hosley '77 of the exhibition *Sam Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire.* Karen and her graphic designer husband Brad Collins live in New Haven. ■ **Reynolds** and **Jennifer Lowance Salerno** (reynolds. salerno@yale.edu) welcomed second child Bailey Meade on July 31. Reynolds earned a Ph.D. in history from Yale in May and is now a post-doctoral fellow in International Security Studies at Yale. Jennifer has started her sixth year as an elementary school teacher in Westport, CT. ■ David and **Denise Paige Lietz** now have three children: Andrew, Anna and baby Amy Gail (born September 1996). Denise writes: "In addition, I am now teaching math in a computer lab, instead of the regular classroom. Lastly, we had a new house built in South Berwick and have finally moved in." ■ Derrick and **Viviana Rodriguez Davila** have a new daughter, Nina Isabella, who was born on May 13. Viviana is still at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, teaching Spanish, coaching, and directing the summer abroad program in Spain. ■ And there is a new arrival in the family of **Scott** and **Kristen Canfield McBurney**: Andrew Miles was born on August 28. ■ In New Canaan, CT, **Troy Haynie** is teaching and coaching at Saint Luke's School, his high school alma mater. He's also a volunteer EMT. ■ **Deb McLaughlin**, who got a master's in international management from Thunderbird (May 1996), is doing strategic planning for Toyota in Cincinnati. ■ Chris and **Beth Whitlock** recently left Cincinnati and moved back to Boston. First child Samuel Preston Houlihan arrived on November 29, 1996. Beth plans to continue her career as a child and family therapist. ■ In Arlington, MA, Deane and **Diane Skenas Maimonis** welcomed son Alexis Eleni on December 2, 1996. ■ **Nathalie Kurylko**, managing editor of *Ski* magazine in Boulder, CO, is snowboarding and pursuing a graduate degree in journalism. ■ **Will** and **Jill Erickson Carey** live in Natick, MA. With a joint master's in accounting/MBA from Northeastern Univ., Jill is a financial analyst at United Asset Management in Boston. Working at State Street Research, Will receives his MBA from Babson late this year. ■ **Susan Johnson Bowen** is a trial lawyer in Boston at Needham & Warren. She and husband Scott live in Salem, MA. ■ **Eliza Moore** lives in Denver, where she's a game warden for the CO Div. of Wildlife. ■ **Martha Singleton** is an account executive at an advertising agency in Kansas City. ■ **T.R. Lazo** graduated from Catholic Law School (1994) and was in private practice for three years before joining the SEC in DC. ■ **Lisa Sullivan** recently relocated to Boston, after several years in the DC area. She received her M.S.W. from Boston Univ. (1994) and is director of elder services for Greater Lawrence, MA. ■ With her MBA from Columbia (1995), **Colette DeMontravel** is a sales trader at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette in NYC. ■ In Sudbury, MA, Adam and **Lucy Henderson** are the proud parents of Connor Levesque, born January 3, 1996. Lucy received her master's in expressive arts therapies from Lesley College (1993). ■ **Jennifer Latchford** got her MBA from Boston Univ. (1994) and is a senior financial analyst for the City of Boston. She and husband Blake live in Boston. ■ **Deirdra Singleton** (master's in international management from Thunderbird, 1996) lives in Rye, NY, and is an international product manager at Varta Batteries, Inc., in Elmsford, NY. ■ In Newburyport, MA, Guy and **Karen Arone Bresnahan** welcomed daughter Emily Frances in August 1996. Karen awards grant monies for the MA Community Development Fund. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* An impressive Middlebury crowd gathered for the June 7 marriage of **Amy Young** and Brian DeChristopher '94: (front) Louis Kim '94, Scott Godes '94, Jon Johnstone '94, the newlyweds, (middle row) Derek Lounsbury '94, Kristen Roeder '94, **Whit Knapp, Andrea Salzman, Aniko Nakazawa DeLaney**, Carmine Tomas '94, Won Kim '94, Ed Soh '94, Christina Carter Mann '88, (back) Joanne Fay Gibson '63, Teaque Lenahan '94, Trista Voss '94, Ben Connell '94, John DeLaney '88, Jin Pyun '94, Dave Levesque '94, Paul Hughes '94, Rob Light '95, Lydia Fitler Kimball '84, Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson '90, Kristi Garrett Ransick '88, Erik Nilsson '88, and Remy Levy '90. ■ Gathering on Cape Cod for the September 7, 1996, marriage of **Laura Moloney** and Larry Kolenberg were **Troy Haynie**, **Deb McLaughlin**, the newlyweds, **Beth Whitlock**, **Diane Skenas Maimonis**, **Nathalie Kurylko**, **Jill Erickson Carey**, **Susan Johnson Bowen**, Betsy Brubaker '90, **Eliza Moore**, **Martha Singleton**, **T.R. Lazo**, **Lisa Sullivan**, **Colette DeMontravel**, **Will Carey**, and **Lucy Henderson**. **Jennifer Latchford, Deirdra Singleton**, and **Karen Arone Bresnahan** missed the photo. Laura is practicing corporate law at Goodwin, Procter & Hoar. Our thanks to Laura for sending news of many friends.

1990

Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and Paul E. Needham (Paul_E._Needham@scudder.com), 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

Special education teacher **Alice Weston** received the 1997 Golden Apple Award in recognition of her outstanding job performance in the Hancock and Stockbridge, VT, schools. Alice is active in the White River Valley Players, plays music for school functions, coaches girls' basketball, is starting a Big Brother/Big Sister program, and wrote a historical preservation grant for her hometown of Granville, VT. ■ **Mark Giancola** got his M.A. in international affairs, China studies, from the Paul Nietze School of Advanced International Studies in DC. He's doing research on international monetary issues at the Institute for International Economics prior to beginning his doctoral studies. ■ **Madelyn Diaz** has been teaching bilingual elementary grades for six years. Now single, she is teaching fifth grade in the Washington Heights

Amy Young '89 and Brian DeChristopher '94 (see 1989 column)

Laura Moloney '89 and Larry Kolenberg (see 1989 column)

area of NYC. ■ **Kaddi Dobyns** (kdobyns@rockbridge.net) has "taken on some significant debt and bought a house here in Lexington, VA," where she invites friends to stop in. ■ In Atlanta, **Jill Danieli** (Jill.Danieli@turner.com) recently left Advantage International for a job in the legal dept. at Turner Broadcasting System, overseeing marketing and promotions for the Turner Entertainment Networks and Sports Properties. ■ **Hank Hagey** received an MBA from the Darden School at the Univ. of VA last May. ■ Using her multi-lingual skills (English, Russian, French, Spanish), **Karen Franz** is the international customer service rep at Humboldt Storage and Moving in Boston. Former positions include production manager in a Moscow plant, assisting immigrants entering the U.S. with resettlement issues, and training coordinator for McDonald's restaurant operations in Russia. ■ In Argentina, **Paola Venturini** (pventurini@parkhyatt.com.ar) is now business development manager at the Park Hyatt Buenos Aires Hotel. ■ **Jennifer Stone** played Sorel in a Quincy, MA, production of Noel Coward's comedy *Hay Fever* last June. She's active in several local community theatre groups, while working as a technical writer with Corporate Software & Technology in Norwood. ■ **Becca Nash** and **Doug Thompson** have moved from Fort Collins, CO, to New London, CT. With his Ph.D. completed, Doug is teaching geology and astronomy in the physics dept. at CT College. Becca is taking care of puppy Sierra and unpacking boxes. ■ **Therese Oliff** (oliff@abacom.com) is back in Quebec with son Tristan (2), after three years in South Africa—two working for the ANC prior to the 1994 elections and one as a civil servant in the new government. ■ After working in student affairs at Colgate Univ. for four years, **Tom Dubreuil** (trd2@lehigh.edu) has moved with wife Lisa (Colgate '89) to Northampton, PA, where he is asst. dean of students at Lehigh. ■ **John Hurst** (indre@nni.com) enjoys his new job as the studio manager at Indre Recording Studios in Philadelphia. ■ **Betsy Brubaker** graduated from law school at UPenn in May 1995. Now doing a clerkship for a federal judge in Philadelphia, she plans to relocate to Cleveland next year. ■ Fanning Miles Hearon IV celebrated his first birthday on September 4 at Woodberry Forest School in VA, where his father **Fanning Miles** teaches Spanish. ■ **Sarah Buckley** and Scott Polworth were married in Hingham, MA, on October 19, 1996. Now living in NYC, Sarah is with Saks Fifth Avenue and Scott is with Bloomingdale's. ■ **EJ Kavouas** and Chung Han were married on August 30 in Rehoboth, DE. On the scene were **Jeff Erlbaum** and **David** and Elizabeth Blanchfield '91 **King**. EJ is getting his MBA at the Wharton School; Chung is an attorney. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Lisa Bozarth** (lbozarth@mfi.com) and David Thomas (UVM '89) were married September 1, 1996, in Colchester, VT. Included in the celebration: **Nadya Klinetob, Beth Walton**, Laura Bozarth '92, **Michelle Martin, Tammy Young, Mark Lieberfreund**, Susan Mervine Clear '65 (mother of the bride), the newlyweds, **Jennifer Kelley**, Doug Kline '89, **Annette Madden-Kline, Amy Carmola, Paul Hauf**, Sandy Hurd Clark '87, and Christa Martin Clifford '93. Lisa is a manager for Miller Freeman, an international publisher/trade show group in NYC. ■ The October 1996 marriage of **Eliot Highet** and **William Patty** occasioned a Cape Cod gathering for **Colleen Quinn Amster, Jane Goldstein, Nancy Frost Bland, Ron Willett, John McCulloch**, the newlyweds, **Sam Webb, Scott Jensen, Scott McLucas**, Chris '77 and Jan Stickley Brady '77, **John Amster, Perkins Miller**, Carrie McCusker Brady '91, **Kelly Macaluso, Michael Chorske**, Phil McCrea '91, Suzie Leness '91, Tonje Kilen '93, **Andrew Snow**, Michelle Miller, **Tifney Stewart, Whitney Todd, Gretchen Eisele, Randall Barry**, and **David Gilbert**. ■ In Jackson Hole, WY, the August 1996 marriage of **Sarah Quinlan** and Dirk Murphy '89 brought together **Matt Burnham, Craig Jenkin, Andy "Eddie" Rosenshine**, Nicole Krieger '93, Randolph Randolph '89, **Chip Marvin**, the newlyweds, **Roxanne Trombley, Karen Ruef-Meagher**, and **Victoria Vitrano**. *(Apologies to Sarah and Dirk for garbling their names in the summer issue.)*

Lisa Bozarth '90 and David Thomas (see 1990 column)

Eliot Highet '90 and William Patty '90 (see 1990 column)

1991

Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll, 6105 Lenox Park Cir., Atlanta, GA 30319; and Kate J. Kelley, P.O. Box 268, Grand Lake, CO 80447.*

Karen Gnuse was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree on May 25 from the Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine. She has begun her residency at the Univ. of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital in a combined internal medicine and pediatrics program. ■ **Barbara Woodbury** (bwoodbry@lamar.colostate.edu) finished her coursework for a master's in occupational therapy at CO State Univ. in Fort Collins, CO. After six months off, which will be highlighted by a six-week trip to Europe (complete with a visit to Germany to see **Catherine Cardwell Buffalo**), she'll be moving to Denver to complete her internships and "GET A JOB!" ■ This summer, **Eliza Harding** graduated from the Iowa Writer's Workshop (M.F.A.) and Bread Loaf (M.A.). "After that, no more school for a while; just a lot of writing, teaching, running, and hanging with my dog. This fall I'll be working in Botswana." ■ **Mike Bolger** got his MBA from the Darden School at the Univ. of VA in Charlottesville last May. He now has a position with the Lucas Group in Waltham, MA. ■ Jeff '92 and **Holly Beardwood Noordsy** are reportedly spending their weekends searching out 19th-century stoneware. Holly fell in love with stoneware during an internship at the Shelburne Museum. Jeff also collects antique glass bottles. Although they do sell a few of their less valuable pieces in order to buy more, their 1840 farmhouse in Weybridge is home to quite a collection. ■ **Chris Emerson** was commissioned to build a six-passenger gondola for Waterplace Park in Providence, RI. Built of cedar strips, oak frames, and fiberglass, the boat was built at Emerson Boat Works in Manchester, MA. Chris was reportedly closing his boat works this summer and we await further word of his next adventures. ■ **Joshua** and **Maarit Berman Clay** are happy to announce the birth of Marissa Clay on April 11, 1997. ■ "Although living in San Antonio, TX, is a bit hot," **Cricket Keleher Braun** writes, "We're having fun discovering the culture. It's like living in another country. Wish I had taken advantage of Midd's Spanish program. I am teaching at the Witte Museum of Natural History and doing field research on two endangered birds—the Golden-Cheeked Warbler and the Black-Capped Vireo. The highlight of our life down here is our new 14-month-old daughter, Cally! Parenting is great! Saw **Claudia Cooper** in NYC in her performance with a dance group called The Gyrators. She's great! You've got to see this! **Susie Leness, Allison Ross, Katie Long, Whitney Todd**, and **Sloane Stephens** were there too. We loved the show!" ■ **Paula Davidson** and Matt Moody celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August. "We're in Bozeman, MT, where I work as a children's librarian in the public library and as adjunct instructor of children's literature at MT State Univ. ■ The August 24, 1996, marriage of **Lane Fuller** and **Theodore Siebert** took place in Harmony, CA. They are living in Seattle, WA. ■ **Julie Cherau** and David Donahue, Jr., were married in September 1996 on Naushon Island, MA. Now living in Cambridge, MA, Julie is an account executive at Bronner Slossberg, Humphrey; David is a stockbroker in Boston. ■ **Sairey Leone** married James Luterman (Bucknell '90) on May 19, 1996. ■ **Page Dickinson** and Robert Edmunds (Trinity College CT '87) were married on June 7 on Cape Cod with a host of Middlebury friends in attendance. **Debra McConnell, Liz Hopper**, and **Louise Totten** were bridesmaids. ■ The June 14 marriage of Dr. **Karen Hamad** and Dr. Jon Yenari took place in Princeton, NJ. At Tulane Medical

Center, Karen is a resident in internal medicine-pediatrics while Jon is a resident in ob/gyn.

1992

Class Secretary: *Justin Ayers, 660 Main St., #4, Melrose, MA 02176.*

Annie Rimoin (rimoin@telecom.net.et) wishes she could have come to reunion, but she was at the World Health Organization Regional Headquarters in Brazzaville, Congo. In fact, she only left the country five days before all the fighting broke out and everyone had to be evacuated! Since early June, she has been in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as a logistics consultant for the Expanded Programme for Immunization, working primarily on a polio eradication program. ■ **Cynthia Gabriel** (cgabriel@cats.ucsc.edu) writes: "Reunion really did feel like Battell all over again!" She and **Felix Paulick** (fpaulick@sfgiants.com) *love* San Francisco, where they live five minutes from the beach. The addition of Felix to the SF Giants marketing team apparently inspired the team, as they were in first place in the NL West most of the summer! Cynthia attended a game or two a week when the team was in town. She planned a month-long trip to Russia this fall, before returning to her second year of anthropology graduate work at UC Santa Cruz. ■ **Matthew Slaughter** (mslaug@law.uoregon.edu) "finally left the big corporate swoosh, Nike, for the hallowed halls of the Univ. of OR law school." He reports that he "left reunion missing the East Coast. After my three year sentence here, I may return to the East." Meanwhile he finds Eugene an interesting place, although there seems to be some lack of knowledge about Middlebury. "I just tell them it's the greatest school in the world," Matthew reports. He has stayed in touch with **Randy** and **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson, Bryan Fox, Todd** (Goggles) **Richman**, and **John Heywood**. "Hilary and Goggles have been giving me helpful advice on how to survive law school. At reunion I realized that you haven't finished your Middlebury education until you've graduated from law school. Am I the last one?" ■ Matthew will be glad to hear that **Garon Jones** (fiche@u.washington.edu) is in his second year of law school at UW. He worked for the WA State Attorney General's Office last summer. ■ **Tricia Mangold** and David Heiser traversed the country this year, starting from Seattle on May 20 and arriving in CT in mid-August. They encountered snow in the Cascades and the Rocky Mountains, but found freezing rain the most uncomfortable. Using 21 speed mountain bikes with special road tires, they expected to be able to coast downhill, but sometimes encountered head winds so strong that they had to bike even downhill. Both are teachers and environmentalists; they plan to do graduate work at the Univ. of MN. ■ **John Doty** has been promoted on the staff of Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). He works with education, arts, welfare, and international human rights matters. ■ **Kate Maloney** is the managing editor of *Northern Ohio Live* magazine. ■ **Andy Aube** and wife Jeanna have two kids, Hannah (22 mos.) and Mitchell (1 mo.). With a master's in education from UVM, Andy created and ran a summer program for middle school students with autism in Underhill, VT. ■ After four years in TX, Geoff '93 and **Sarah Chick Kuli** (sarah_kuli@theparkschool.org) have moved to Cambridge, MA. Sarah is teaching second grade at the Park School in Brookline. ■ After two years of Midd summer Spanish, **Jordana Shaw** "gave up teaching high school French and Spanish to try elementary school French in Shelburne, with a few community college French courses on the side." ■ Wedding news: On January 31, Mary Lynn Nichols and **Scott Harper** were married in Shaker Heights, OH. They are living in Cleveland Heights, while Scott works at Primus Venture Partners and pursues his master's in business administration at Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve Univ. ■ Tim and **Lynne Adams Winings** are living in Cleveland, where Lynne works for Ernst & Young. They were married in August 1995. ■ Amy Sealy and **Stanley McGowin** were married May 17 in Shreveport, LA, and now live in Dallas, TX. ■ Susan Homkey and **David Cunningham** were married in Glens Falls on June 15 and now live in Portland, ME, where David is in residency family practice at ME Medical Center.

1993

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Anne C. Harris (anneh@tabasco.ccit.arizona.edu), 3503 E. Bellevue St., #2, Tucson, AZ 85716; and Dan Suratt, 122 Bond St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

After two years as coordinator of off-campus study at Midd, **Glyn Trevillion** returned to London on August 1 for a year's leave of absence from the College. He can be contacted at 49 Simpson Rd., Rainham, Essex (phone 01708 552139). ■ **Kyna Mackey** and **Bart de Vries** have settled in Amsterdam. Kyna is working for a technology company while Bart is working for Holland's largest bank, ABN AMRO. ■ With a degree in East Asian studies, **Rosemaria Recchia** studied in China for a year and worked as a librarian in Washington, DC. On February 1, she was received into the congregation of Sisters of Life as a postulant at St. Frances de Chantal Convent in the Bronx. ■ In Toledo, OH, **Holly Cookis** keeps busy in her spare time "volunteering for local political candidates and organizing my neighbors into a Blockwatch group." ■ After nearly four years working in about 18 countries in Africa, **Adam Greenberger** (greenie@compuserve.com) started Wharton in August. ■ **Geoff** (gekuli@tenet.edu) and Sarah Chick '93 **Kuli** have moved to Cambridge after spending four years in Austin, TX. Geoff has given up his teaching career for a period of personal introspection. ■ **Patricia Falkenberg** (falkenbe@scf.usc.edu) is teaching third grade in L.A. and **Harrison Zanuck** is visual effects coordinator for a DreamWorks movie due to come out in May '98. ■ In Denver working in promotions and events for the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer, **Rick Merriam** (RMerriam@mlsnet.com) uses free time to head to the mountains for biking, fly-fishing, and camping. He also plays on a competitive soccer team and coaches the JV Boys at CO Academy. Rick sees plenty of **Bob Danielewicz**, Lance Marx '94, Brooke McDonald '95, Greg Fisher '94, Tucker Hollander '91, and **Kirsten Shonstrom**. "A few of us will be back in Middlebury for a weekend this fall with friends from the Univ. of CO to show them what a *real* college and *big time* athletics are all about!" Rick was also going to AZ in November to see **Dutch O'Hanley**, who recently entered business school at AZ State. ■ The marriage of **Amoreena Hartnett** and **William O'Bryon** took place on June 14. They live in San Francisco. ❖

Sarah Quinlan '90 and Dirk Murphy '89 (see 1990 column)

Cecilie Zwick '93 and David Coker (see 1993 column)

PHOTO CAPTIONS: Gathering in Glacier National Park, MT, for the August 1996 marriage of **Katie Bailey** and Dale French (of Portland, OR) were (front) Blake Montgomery '94, Pete Walsh '92, (standing) Robin VanOrman '91, **Katie Fischer, Elizabeth Davis**, Kate Chapman '94, **Kristin Ketterer, Lisa Baker**, the newlyweds, **Catherine Elton, Nicole Krieger, Allison Gray**, and **Serena Maurer**. The newlyweds live in Anchorage, AK. ■ **Laura LeClair** and Alan Hale were married on April 26 in Villanova, PA. **Laetitia Morbelli** was a bridesmaid. The newlyweds are living in Independence, MO. Laura has a master's in preschool education and development. ■ On June 27, **Cecilie Zwick** and David Coker, Jr. (Johns Hopkins '93) were married at the Holmenkollen Chapel in Oslo, Norway. Celebrating with them were Charlotte Forbes '95, Thomas Zwick '95, the newlyweds, Becky Hart '86, and **Marianne Odfjell**.

Kathryn Bailey '93 and Dale French (see 1993 column)

Laura LeClair '93 and Alan E. Hale, Jr. (see 1993 column)

1994

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Roeder (kristenroeder@acli.com), 2520 N. Fairfax Dr., #B, Arlington, VA 22201; and Scott Godes (sgodes@aol.com), 1401 N. Taft St., #215, Arlington, VA 22201.*

Engagements being so numerous as to threaten these pages with inundation, they are normally left unmentioned—*but* there's an exception to every rule and **James Wilcox** is a case in point. Last spring, Vermont's senators James Jeffords and Patrick Leahy called a sham news conference to set the stage for James (a former Jeffords intern) to make a rather splashy proposal to Mara Raphael (a former Leahy intern, now CNN field producer). As an enterprising press aide to Rep. Bill Archer (R-TX), James had arranged for Mara's boss to send her to the Leahy-Jeffords news conference and she arrived with camera crew in tow. Needless to say, Mara said YES and photos of the engagement ring going on her finger made the national news. ■ The author of four (unproduced) screenplays, **Mark Feldman** has reportedly made a solemn vow never to become a waiter to make ends meet. With his M.S. in screen writing from Boston Univ., Mark hopes to pursue a career teaching screen writing at the college level. His play *Second Chance* was one of two winning plays for 1996 in the first annual New Playwrights contest conducted by the Public Access TV Corp. ■ Dartmouth medical student **Adam Hersh** finished a close second in the sixth annual Covered Bridges Half Marathon, running from South Pomfret to Quechee, VT, last May. The leader for the first seven miles, Adam won the $50 "prime" as the first man to hit the 4.3 mile mark in downtown Woodstock. ■ From the Windy City, **Sandy Durst** (SDurst@MSN.com) recently had a great trip back to Midd to see brother Rick and the Class of '97 graduate. "Campus looks great and I ran into many old friends. The first year of law school is behind me and I'm spending the summer clerking in a firm here in Chicago. Had a great visit with **Josh Kucker**, who passed through town on a cross-country trek prior to med school at Hannehman Hospital in Philadelphia." ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** (nannek@aol.com) would love to hear from Midd folks around Chicago, where she is teaching high school science and coaching at the Francis W. Parker school. ■ **Kevin Marshall** (ckmarsha@midway.uchicago.edu) is in third year law school at Univ. of Chicago. During summer he worked for Williams & Connolly in DC and Sherman & Howard in Denver. ■ **Alan Ritchie** (aritchie1@aol.com) and **Julie Jennings** are in Boston. Julie is halfway through the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Tufts. ■ **Suzanna Markstein** (suzanna_markstein@condenast.com) has been working in the features department of *Mademoiselle* magazine for the past year and a half. In August she started a chef's training program at night at the French Culinary Institute. "I was reminded of Middlebury the other day while taking the bus to Bennington, VT, when I overheard some people saying they were on their way to Middlebury for a language program. I wished I were going back to Middlebury too, for a moment!" ■ **Karl Pelletier** (karlpell@aol.com) reports that he is "still living in beautiful central OR, skiing, biking, and climbing. Teaching at a high school for youth at risk. Hanging out with my dog!" ■ While doing his second full year for Americorps, **Jack Jessup** is also working on his M.A. in clinical psychology at St. Michael's College in Burlington. ■ **Chris Kemple** went to Seoul, Korea, to teach English, but became an intern at the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea (AMCHAM) in July '96. This summer he became publications manager at AMCHAM, in charge of a bimonthly magazine, a yearly trade issues book, a guide to doing business in Korea, and other publications. He has traveled to Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Palau (Micronesia—where he learned how to scuba dive), and twice to Japan. ■ **Peyton Freeman** is working for a nonprofit in DC. ■ **Teresa Cooper** is an assistant editor at *Parenting* magazine in NYC. ■ **Scott Godes** had his student article published in the *Public Contract Law Journal* in August and has been nominated to be in *Who's Who: American Law Students*. While having lunch at an outdoor table in Georgetown, Scott spotted **Tetine Sentell**, who has finished her M.A. in psychology and is moving to Boston to live with **Melissa Fritz**. Tetine contemplates doing a Ph.D. in psychology or English. ■ With her graduate degree in geography completed (Univ. of Toledo), **Anne Schulz** (akschulz@sprynet.com) is doing GIS analysis at the Buxton Co. in Fort Worth, TX. ■ **Paul Hughes** is a senior analyst for a computer and telecom consulting firm in Boston, while exploring graduate school options. ■ **Todd Molz**, wife Kirsten (Hanson) '95, and daughter Emma have moved to L.A., where Todd is a law clerk. ■ Staying a third year in Peace Corps Bolivia, **Kipp Sutton** is a volunteer coordinator in the city of Sucre. Kipp, who made his first trip home in July, was recently visited by **Allen Rindfuss**, on a trip through Peru and Bolivia. ■ **Phoebe Folger** (thefolgers@aol.com) recently returned to the U.S. after two and one-half years in Nepal. ■ **Kelly Cole** visited **Stephanie Tucker** last March in St. Louis, where Steph is working on her Ph.D. A Libberman fellow this summer at Washington Univ., Steph will be writing comps this year. ■ At Midd, **Kate Webber** is working in the Alumni and Parent Programs office in the summer and is assistant alpine ski coach in the winter. ■ **Laura Eckert** spent the summer in Houston and fall in DC, working at the ABA, before returning for her final semester at VT Law. Laura was a bridesmaid when **Michelle Royer** married Eric Singiser on May 17 in Elizabethtown, PA. ■ **Cynthia Parson** and Justin Puccio '93 were married in October 1996. Cynthia is employed by the Jewish Board of Family Services Learning Center and Justin works for MCI Telecommunications in NYC. ■ **Brian DeChristopher** and

Christina Jaeger '94 and Robin Tyson (see 1994 column)

Ellen McCrary '94 and Michael Hainen '94 (see 1994 column)

Amy Young '89 were married on June 7 in Concord, MA. Their photo appears with the 1989 column. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* In Memphis, TN, on May 31, the Middlebury turnout for the marriage of **Ellen McCrary** and **Michael Hainen** included maid of honor **Amy Marmer, Brady Blagden, Rammy Harwood, Kimberly Newton**, the newlyweds, (second row) **Sara Scirica, Amy Synnott, Eliza Baxter, Amanda Stollenwerck, Justine Dobbs-Higginson**, Deborah Schnipper '95, **Tyler Vadeboncoeur**, (third row) **Marett Taylor, Hester Smith**, best man **Hann Livingston, Matt Nadel, Ben Barrett, John Newman, Eric Bachman, Edelen McWilliams**, (fourth row) **Dick Cameron, Peter Aspbury**, Michael Stark '96, Emily Hainen '97, (fifth row) **Sid Williamson, Monte Burke, Dana Gibson, Chris Ziebarth**, and **Bo Wilmer**. ■ **Christina Jaeger** and Robin Tyson were married on September 21, 1996, near Canterbury, England. Christina is a production coordinator for the BBC, while Robin is a classical singer. Celebrating with them from Middlebury were **Alex Mackintosh, Ben Curtis, Kate Briscoe, Kebby Ball**, the newlyweds, **Amy McKee, Hylah Wells, Kim Healey**, Marjorie Robbins '56, **Ed Soh**, and **Trista Voss**.

1995

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After two years in Boston, **Matt Hodges** (mhodges@pobox.com) has moved to Sarajevo, Bosnia, where he is working for a center trying to build positive ties among the Serbs and Muslims and empower them to solve problems through joint civic action. ■ **Tamsyn Stewart** is proud of completing the second year of her Teach For America commitment in a TX border town, located in the Rio Grande Valley. Tamsyn received a scholarship to Peabody College of Vanderbilt Univ., where she is doing a master's program in behavior disorders in special education students. ■ **Claudio Salas** (900937118@rumac. upr.clu.edu) is doing an M.A. in applied linguistics at the Univ. of Puerto Rico at Mayayguez. "Besides studying I have a Teaching Assistantship which has given me a chance to teach a very basic ESL class, freshman composition, and an intro to lit class. I go to the beach whenever I can." ■ **Kyle Winder** (KyleDriver @aol.com) worked in advertising/promotions in Boston before starting his own marketing company in NJ, with a second branch in VA. He sold the company and now works in technical sales in DC. "Doing a lot of biking, playing some golf, and squeezing in some traveling. Future goals include returning to Glasgow, Scotland, to work sometime next year." ■ **Jennifer Breslow** (breslock@borg.com) returned from Paris with her master's in French (Midd graduate program) to look for a paralegal job in NYC before attending law school. She reports that the wedding of Matt Longman '89 and **Beth Whitney** on the Cape was an amazing event. Beth recently became the second woman to be inducted into the Middlebury Fire Department. She had to pass 72 hours of course work and pass a year-long probationary period before being voted in unanimously by her fellow firefighters. ■ **Tiffany Claflin** is a fashion photographer in San Francisco, where her new business, Claflin Visual Productions, is starting to take off. She planned to shoot male models in Paris and London in September. She recently enjoyed a day at the beach with **Kaycee Cherashore**. ■ **Theron de Ris** (theron.ris@gs.com) has been promoted at Goldman Sachs International, London. In U.S. equity sales, he's responsible for Italian clients and looks forward to frequent trips to Italy! He spent the past two years toiling at Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, Germany. ■ **Janine Zacharia** is a staff correspondent for the *Jerusalem Report*, covering the environment and writing stories on technology, the arts, and business. She recently did her first cover assignment, after a full month researching the Negev area. ■ **Kara Sweeney** is a field scientist in the VT office of Marin Environmental, Inc. ■ **Diana Gregory** moved back to the Bay Area to teach fourth grade at a private school in Palo Alto. ■ **Megan Hathaway** is spending another year in Toyama, Japan, as a teacher in the Japanese Exchange Teacher Program (JET). She recently returned to her high school in Summit, NJ, during a student exchange program with Toyama High School. ■ **Rodney Rothman** (rodneyr@compuserve. com) reports some highly competitive croquet playing took place recently at **John Oberdiek**'s place in Betterton, MD. Joining in the festivities were **Rob Trager** (who works at Lehman Brothers in NYC), **Will Dobson**, **Inger Lund** (who works on a magazine Website for a Hearst magazine), **Liz Egan, Ethan Skerry** (who has one more year at Columbia law school, living with **Shue Bellows**, who attends Columbia Poetry Program), **Paul Rosenau** (going to Harvard Medical School), and **Patty Zagami** (working for Simon & Schuster). Rodney still works for TV's David Letterman, where he and the other members of his writing staff were nominated for a 1997 "Best Writing for a Variety Show" Emmy. Rodney reports that **Mark Jordan** has entered Harvard Public Policy School, after monitoring prisons for two years in Puerto Rico. ■ **John Ludwig** (jludwig@prodigy.net) reports a career change. He's now a real estate broker for the Devonshire Co. in Denver. ■ **Wright Frank** (wjfrank@ acsu.buffalo.edu) is studying linguistics at SUNY at Buffalo. ■ **Becki Plona** says, "I was tired of being overworked and underpaid, so I quit my job and moved to Boston to get my master's in social work and special education from B.U. With any luck, I can complete both degrees by 2000—without much of a life!" Becki is also writing a book that should be published in spring '98 and she attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in August. ■ **Jonathan Herman**, a law student at Boston College, was a summer legal intern on the staff of Rep. Peter Larkin (D-Pittsfield, MA). ■ **Gus Reed** has been preparing for his first season of professional men's field hockey with Hannover in the German league. He learned the European nuances of the game playing for the Univ. of Bristol, while studying in Great Britain for a year. Returning to the U.S. in the off season, he will pursue a graduate degree in restoration architecture at Cornell. ■ **Hannah Robinson** and Michael Seaman were married on May 23, 1997. They planned a September move to ME. ■ On June 28, Whitney Hairston and **James Watson** (jwatson802@aol.com) were married in Columbia, SC. They're living in South Burlington, VT, where Whitney is employed by Boise-Cascade and J.P. is doing his second year at UVM School of Medicine. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Cynthia Cordner** and Matthew Woodard were married on Cape Cod on May 31. Celebrating with them were Middlebury friends George and Barbara Whitney, Aaron Scifres '96, Bryan Stratton '98 (behind the newlyweds), **Jon Gilbert**, Holly Hannam '96, **Sarah Wyatt, Janine Hetherington, Jameson Thissell, Rezwan Sharif**. ■ A throng of Middlebury friends showed up in Cedar Rapids, IA, for the June 21 marriage of **Trystan Phifer** and Brendan O'Leary '94: (front) Jake Citrin '94, Chris Brown '93, **Dan**

Cynthia Cordner '95 and Matthew Woodard (see 1995 column)

Trystan Phifer '95 and Brendan O'Leary '94 (see 1995 column)

Kerry Sawatzky '95 and Spencer Williams '95 (see 1995 column)

Last winter in Kathmandu (see 1995 column)

Haley, Dave "Chowda" Erickson '96, **Jeff Pare**, Charlie Williams '93, Dudley Winthrop '94, Erik Roth '94, **Mark Schade**, Sean O'Leary, and Tasha Haley, (second row) Barbara Bellows (prof. of history), Jim Oleske '94, Sid Suri '96, Allison O'Hare '94, **Nikki Mathews**, **Wendy Russell**, Rita Glavin '93, Niamh O'Leary-Liu '96, the newlyweds, **Anna Nolin**, Eric Tracy, Tamsyn Phifer, Molly Boyle '94, Wendy Bashant '84, (third row) Jon Hanlon '93, Megan Underwood 92, Kate Briscoe '94, Jen Kahn Hamilton '96, **Daron Barnard**, **Graham Fox**, Nancy Fallen '96, **Helen Simons**, **Shannon Detweiler**, Hieu Nguyen '92, Ann Hanson (dean of students), Jim Ralph '82, (fourth row) Bob Labick '93, Josh Kucker '94, **Matt Hamilton**, Todd Gregory '94, Jeff Herriott '94, Ben Halpern '93, Topher Smith '93, Sarah Chick Kuli '92, and Jeff Kuli '93. ■ **Kerry Sawatzky** and **Spencer Williams** were married on July 19 in Big Sky, MT, with Prof. Larry Yarbrough officiating. Middlebury friends celebrating with them were (front) **Elaine Aliberti**, the newlyweds, Pawel Senator '93: (back row) **Amy Horsma**, **Anne Manternach**, **Paul Matteson**, **Caren Priest**, and Larry Yarbrough (prof. of religion). ■ Four Middlebury journeys crossed paths in Kathmandu last winter: **Penna Wangdak** (left), a teacher at the Tibetan Children Village School in Dharmsala, India, was visiting friends Debra Ladner '93 and **Yeshie Choden Lama**. Debra taught at the American Language Center in Kathmandu in 1996-97, then planned to do volunteer work on a human rights issue before heading for graduate school. Yeshi has many family members in the Kathmandu area where she has been working for the World Wildlife Foundation. During the summer she conducted field work in the rugged region of Dolpo. Greg Lehmann '96 spent fall '96 and spring '97 in Nepal working with Building With Books (BWB), but is now in NYC, "enjoying such creature comforts as electricity." Also in the area, but not pictured, were **Becca Houghton**, who also works with BWB, Ian Baker '79 and Phoebe Folger '94.

1996

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In fall 1996, **Daniel Stahler** lived in Minnesota's Superior National Forest, tracking, studying, live capturing, collaring, and releasing wolves—10 hours a day for 78 days. He volunteered his time as a wildlife technician with a team working on the Superior National Forest Wolf and Deer Project, which has been going on since 1968. The study hoped to radio-collar two wolves from each of the 12 packs in the Superior National Forest, enabling biologists to obtain information about the location of each wolf pack throughout the year. Humans have eradicated wolves in VT, but Daniel says he would like to hear wolves howling in VT again someday. ■ **Niamh O'Leary-Liu** (niamh@he.net) worked for the NC Secretary of State and the NC Supreme Court before returning to Penn Law. "I had more fun than you can shake a stick at at the Midd reunion/wedding of my brother Brendan '94 and Trystan Phifer '95 on June 21." ■ In Vail, CO, **Jill Boat** (boat@agc.com) works with corporate groups that choose Vail as their vacation destination. In September she was doing her third trip to France as a tour assistant for At Home in Provence, a company that leads tours to the south of France. Jill recently saw some former Midd lax teammates when she played in the Vail Lacrosse shootout. ■ **Mimi Mather** reports that she and **Alex Carson** and Mike Higuera '97 have been at play in the mountains in Vail, CO. She also reports that **Kirby Harbeck** is living in Cologne, Germany; **Mike Brooke** is sailing his 28-footer on Cape Cod; and **Helen Motter** is fighting forest fires in Bozeman, MT. ■ Last year, **Jen Kuli** taught at the Brookwood School in Manchester, MA, while completing an M.Ed. in middle school education at Lesley College in Cambridge. On August 1, Jen and Mark Feldman '94 moved to Raleigh, NC, where she is teaching middle school drama. ■ **Jen Wells** is teaching kindergarten at the Castori School in Sacramento, CA, this fall. ■ **Elise Worden** (elisew@eonline.com) is working for E! Online in San Francisco. Also in SFO: **Elizabeth Simpson**, **Lindsay Lutton**, Sara Merrill '97, **Scott Morgan**, **Sasha Quijano**, **Joel Grippando**, **Sue Driscoll**, and **Josh Sobeck**. ■ **Perelandra Tory** began a five-year doctoral program in clinical and school psychology at Hofstra Univ., Hempstead, L.I., in September. ■ Living in Arlington, VA, **April Bolton** (april_bolton@ed.gov) is putting her senior thesis to use, while working at the Office of Migrant Education at the U.S. Dept. of Education in DC. ■ **Brett Figlewski** completed a year of service as a VISTA volunteer in Puerto Rico before heading to country music capital Nashville, TN, to begin first year law school at Vanderbilt Univ.

1997

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Amanda Shoemaker and **Amy Kriescher** are living in San Francisco, where they both work part time, giving them time to explore the city. ■ **Amy Smith** spent the summer interning for the Nantucket Marine Department, monitoring shore birds, growing shellfish, and doing surveys of eel grass and shellfish predators. She plans to continue her studies in marine science. ■ **Keola Siu** writes from Japan: "I'm teaching English to junior high kids in the middle of the rice fields and having a great time while doing it." ■ **Betsy Heckman** (elizabeth.heckman@yale.edu) is in Yale's master's program in international relations in New Haven, CT. ■ **Brett Zinober** and **Sebastien Bilodeau**, roommates in Norwalk, CT, recently teamed up with **Brad Schenkel** at a Middlebury alumni reception in CT. Sebastien is back on the ice playing in a local CT league, where he faced off against former teammate Jeff Anastasio '99. ■ **Todd Hankinson** continued his medical research during the summer, living in NYC with Mohan Renganathan '96 and Petra Stuehmeier '96. ■ **Katie Rosin** and **Emily Hainen** share a fantastic apartment in NYC with **Liz Morgan** and Chris Oliviero '96. ■ **Heather Brandt** is pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology at Yeshiva in NYC. ■ **Brian Schmidt**, Suzanne Daley '96, and Courtney Marsh '96 are in DC. ■ **Craig Stouffer** (stouffer_craig@ins.com), who works for INS in Arlington, VA, teamed up with **Greg Mascolo**, **Justin Racz**, **Lara Wagner**, and **Eaton Curtis** for a night on the town in DC. ■ **Stephanie Pindyck** and **Laura Wright** spent the summer preparing for the MCATs at their respective homes. ■ **Jon Nass**, **Meg Macy**, and **Becky Cowgill** are all adjusting to new jobs and Boston life. ■ **Elisabeth Wynn** went job hunting in Boston, after summer travel. ■ **Amy Flanders**, **Whitney Parks**, and **Liz Aybar** teamed up with other members of the NCAA National Champion Women's Lacrosse Team to play in the Vail Shoot-out Lacrosse Tournament over July 4 weekend. Cheering them on from the sidelines were Amy's Boulder, CO, roommates **Jeff Rea**, **Dave Smith**, **Matt Ralston**, and **Brian Hubbard**. **Rob Birdsong**, **Elizabeth Frazier**, **Caroline Griffith**, **Andy Jessen**, and **Karen Lewis** were also in attendance, as well as cross-country driving duo **Zach Hallowell** and **Nick Owsley**. Nick and Zach (who also stopped off in New Orleans to pay a visit to **Katie Lillich**) decided on separate coasts, Zach heading to San Francisco and Nick going north to Boston. ■ **Dave Smith** started law school at Univ. of CO at Boulder. ■ **Rene Camfield** was accepted by Univ. of MI medical school. ■ **Jamee Field**, who spent the summer answering all the calls for prospective Jenny Jones Show guests. is gearing up for a career in hard core journalism with her sights set on *Hard Copy*. ■ **Karen Lewis**, who began her new job at Arthur Andersen in Baltimore, lives up the street from Camden Yards. ■ **Jackie Pelton** (pelton@middlebury.edu) spent the summer working at a camp in NH. ■ Be sure to send us any news you have about yourself or your classmates. Include your e-mail address to make sure your classmates can find you easily. ■ **Jessica Wright** and Stephen White (Naval Academy '94) were married on July 12. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Tanya Hansen** and Jay Hackney were married on August 2 at the Grace Bible Church in Naples, FL. They shared their celebration with **Rian Alfiero**, Dionne Thorton '00, the newlyweds, Nathan Sanborn, **Heather Thompson**, and **Annalisa Parent**.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Edmund G. Howells (M.A. '54) is proud of "getting a college education before Western Civ. was trashed by feminists, multiculturalists, and the rest of the tenured radicals." ■ OH Univ. teacher **Joan Connor** (M.A. '84) has published a collection of stories entitled *Here on Old Route Seven* (Univ. of MO Press). Joan has received an OH State Arts Council grant and the OH Writer Award in fiction and nonfiction. She led a writing workshop in Chautauqua last summer and did readings at the New England Writers' Conference and Southern CT State College. ■ **Beverly McColley** (M.A. '89), who was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago, is making her time count by writing and disseminating the joy of language. As an instructional librarian at Norfolk Academy, Beverly earned a fellowship to study creative writing at the Univ. of St. Andrews in Scotland. She takes her teaching of writing out of the classroom and does workshops for churches, a local book store, and with staff/faculty/students at the Academy. Last summer she offered creative writing and poetry workshops at "The Common Wealth in Education" at Hampton Univ. She says that "writing is bigger than the leukemia. It has been a part of me long before the disease. It has been my way of connecting with life." ■ **Nancy Seid** (M.A. '89) teaches English, journalism, and children's literature at Adirondack Community College. This summer she directed the Summer's Writer Workshop at the Old Forge (NY) Library. ■ **Robert Schnelle** (M.A. '89), who teaches English at Central WA Univ., has published a collection of essays, *Valley Walking: Notes on the Land* (WA State Univ. Press). He has also produced a series of bimonthly commentaries for Northwest Public Radio. ■ Book reviews by **Daniel H. Picker** (M.A. '92) appeared in the spring and fall issues of *Harvard Review*. Daniel is an adjunct prof. of English at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia and Camden Community College in NJ. ■ **Steve Rexford** (M.A. '95) taught at Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY, for seven years before accepting his present position at the Darien (CT) High School,

FRENCH

Sarah Cruess and **James Callanan** (M.A. '94), both teachers at St. Johnsbury Academy in VT, were married on June 14. ■ Pingree French teacher **Hedi Dür** (M.A. '95) and Matthew Charde were married June 28 on the campus of Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, MA. ■ Air Force First Lt. **Raymond Truong** (M.A. '96) arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base in Tokyo on August 27. ■ **Leonard Symansky** (M.A. '64 & D.M.L. '77) received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in teaching at Columbia-Greene Community College, where he is a prof. of foreign languages. ■ French teacher **Ed Priest** (M.A. '85) is now teaching French *and* Spanish at the Lawrence Middle School in Falmouth, MA. He gained certification in Spanish through a three-day workshop at Elm College in Chicopee and a two-week Language Immersion Institute at SUNY New Paltz. He gave concerts—singing in French with his guitar—to defray some of his expenses. ■ **Mel B. Yoken** ('59, '63), a French prof. at the Univ. of MA (North Dartmouth), received an Outstanding Community Service Award in June in Fall River, MA. ■ With a Ph.D. in French literature from FL State Univ. in Tallahassee (April '97), **David S. Greenberg** (M.A. '64) is looking for a tenure track position, "preferably in the South or Southwest." ■ **J. Terence McQueeny** (M.A. '66) (mcqueeny@marshall.edu) is now chair, dept. of modern languages, Marshall Univ., Huntington, WV 25755. ■ **Karen Renick** (M.A. '68), national editor of *Pi Delta Phi* (French honorary society) *Newsletter*, recently received the 25 year award of that organization. Karen is chair and prof. of French at CA Lutheran Univ. ■ **Rose Casares Sardisco** (M.A. '73) would like to hear from French School graduates of 1973. Rose is one of very few Hispanic women to attain an upper management position in the FAA. ■ Retired French prof. **Linda Blum** (M.A. '76) is a docent at the Westmoreland Museum of Art in PA. She recently lead a Rotary Group study tour to northeastern France. ■ **Paul W. Gery** (M.A. '77) and wife Donna have adopted Marc Kerstan Gery, born July 28, 1996, in Pusan, Republic of Korea. Now living in New Windsor, NY, Paul retired as an Army Lt. Col., is completing a graduate degree in education at George Washington Univ., and plans to attend the German School at Middlebury in summer 1998. ■ **Paul Alexander Shutt** (M.A. '80) has been ordained a deacon by Bishop William Curlin of the Diocese of Charlotte in PA. ■ Last May, **Davis M. Richardson** (M.A. '82) was elected vice chair of the MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Montgomery County Planning Board. ■ **Lynn Matus Joye** (M.A. '92) (joyetp@musc.edu) and husband Todd live in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Lynn left the Ph.D. program in French literature at UNC-Chapel Hill to teach French in a private school for girls in Charleston, SC.

GERMAN

Henry Peck (Russian '60 &'64, German '68) is helping to translate the biography of Czech composer/musician Karel Vacek from Czech into English. He made his fourth trip to the Czech Republic in June.

ITALIAN

Vincent (D.M.L. '72) (vincent@uow.edu.au) and **Madeleine Strong Cincotta** (M.A. '71) moved in 1977 to Wollongong Australia, where Vincent taught at Wollongong Univ. until his retirement at the end of 1994. Madeleine completed her Ph.D. in Australia (1984), taught at both the secondary and university level, and has now been appointed head of the div. of languages and linguistics at the Univ. of Western Sydney, Macarthur. ■ **Brooke Pemberton** ('95,'97), a student at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to Italy to complete doctoral research on the historical writing of the Italian Renaissance. She received the Salvatore Castiglione Award for language study at the *Scuola Italiana* at Middlebury and has won a grant from the Lemmermann Foundation of Rome.

Tanya Hansen '97 and Jay Hackney (see 1997 column)

SPANISH

Claire J. Paolini (M.A. '58) is now dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Sacred Heart Univ. in Fairfield, CT. ■ **Aase-Helene Roholt-Moen** (M.A. '59), who teaches modern languages at Union County College, recently received the Distinguished Adviser Award from the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. ■ In June 1996, **Margrajean Black Bonilla** (M.A. '60) retired as adult education coordinator of English as a Second Language in the Fullerton (CA) High School District. She writes: "Had a kidney failure January '95 and am now on the organ donor transplant list. Have dialysis three times per week. Am doing well." ■ Author and prof. of linguistics at Harvard School of Continuing Education **Ubaldo Di Benedetto** (M.A. '64) has been named to the Spanish Royal Academy of Language, making him one of the 28 people in the world who are charged with publishing an official grammar rulebook and dictionary ensuring that the Spanish language remains uniform throughout the world. Founded by Spain's King Philip V in 1713, the Academy appoints a new member only at the death of one of its members. Ubaldo has published many works, including a book on Fernando de Herrera, a two-volume Spanish-English dictionary, and the eco-thriller *Polar Day 9*. He and wife Delia live in Cohasset, MA. ■ Brother **Peter Stewart** (M.A. '65) has been awarded the *Bonus et Fidelis* Medal for 25 years of faculty service at Manhattan College, where he is an asst. prof. of Spanish. ■ **Rene Torres-Delgado** (M.A. '70) has published a booklet, "Antes y despues del 98," dealing with Puerto Rican politics before and after the Spanish-American War (1898). She has been a faculty member at the Univ. of Puerto Rico (Rio Piedras) for 25 years. ■ **Georgia Nucci** (M.A. '71) earned the Daemen College 1997 Distinguished Alumna Award at her Rosary Hill College reunion last spring. In 1987, daughter Jennifer contracted hepatitis and died in Ecuador, where she was a foreign exchange student. Eleven months later, son Christopher was aboard Pan Am Flight 103 that exploded over Scotland. Georgia and her husband have donated a computer to the rural hospital where Jennifer died, because lack of information was a contributing factor in her death. They were also among the members of a support group for Pan Am 103

victims. In 1990, the Nuccis applied to adopt an orphan from Bogota, Colombia—and ended up with four. Since her graduation from Albany Law School (1996) with honors, she is practicing in Hudson, NY, and serves as counsel to a state senator. ■ **Gustavo Preston** (M.A. '71) has published two articles, one on religious freedom and another on José Martí. In Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, he is a part time copy editor at *Publicaciones Puertorriquenas*. ■ **Ernest Bio** (M.A. '72), director of curriculum and instruction in the Asbury Park, NJ, school district, has earned his doctor of education degree from Columbia Univ. His wife **Anna Maria Bio** (M.A. '72) is an Italian teacher at Ocean Township High School. ■ Last August, **Katherine McLane** (M.A. '74) and Edward J. McCarthy were married in Manchester, NH, where she is an ESL coordinator for the school district. ■ **James T. English** (M.A. '81) is assistant head at the Moses Brown School, an independent Quaker school in Warwick, RI. ■ **Don Nicole** (M.A. '88) began teaching advanced Spanish in the Upper School div. of Hong Kong International School last July. "What a time in history it will be!" Don has been foreign language dept. head at St. Andrew's School of Boca Raton, FL, and a Spanish instructor at FL Atlantic Univ. ■ Lisa Frascino and **Vincent Puma** (M.A. '89) were married May 25 in Danbury, CT. Vincent is a foreign language teacher at Wooster School. ■ **David** (M.A. '90) and **Jean Mehrle Hitchcock** (M.A. '91) have three children—Katherine (born February 9), Alexandra (2), and James (4). With his Ph.D. in Hispanic literature from Cornell, David is an asst. prof. of Spanish at Wesleyan College, Macon, GA. They remain in touch with **Bill Miller** (M.A. '91), **Joe** (M.A. '88) and **Peggy Kinney McHugh** (M.A. '91), **Ann Marie Wiseman** (D.M.L. '96), and **Laura Westlund** (M.A. '91). ■ **Bill Miller** (M.A. '91) and wife Christine, are missionaries-elect to LaCieba, Honduras, where Bill will be translating reading materials and teaching. ■ **Kathleen Skardinski** (M.A. '92) and Michael McHale were married near Syracuse, NY, on July 19. She teaches Spanish and Italian at South Colonie High School. ■ **Kristin McComiskey** (M.A. '94) and Lee Piazza were married on August 3 on the Cape. Kristin teaches Spanish at Flint Hill School in Oakton, VA. ■ **Chad Ramsey** (M.A. '94) (103231.206@ compuserve.com) graduated from the Univ. of SC last May with a master's in international business studies. Chad is a financial analyst for the Campbell Soup Co. in Camden, NJ.

OBITUARIES

1924

HELEN LAFORCE LEWIS HENSHAW, 95, of Washington, DC, on December 4, 1996. Married to Lester C. Lewis in 1928, they had three children: the late Constance Lewis Fenton '53, Warren Lewis, and Sara Young. Following the death of Lester Lewis, she married Marshall D. Henshaw in 1980. Mr. Henshaw died in 1987. A volunteer nature guide, Mrs. Henshaw was active in her church, the League of Women Voters, and the National Woman's Democratic Club of DC. She taught English at Leipzig Univ. in Germany in 1928.

ROLAND A. KAMENS, 94, of Rochester, VT, on August 10, 1997. He owned and operated a plumbing and heating business in Stratford, CT, retiring to Rochester in 1971. In Stratford, he was instrumental in forming a DeMolay chapter and starting a Little League organization. In addition to his wife of 66 years, Jessie (Larsen), he leaves daughter Joan Hubbard, son Roland Kamens, Jr., and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Richard Kamens.

ANNA WILKINSON PRATT, 95, of Bernardston, MA, on June 5, 1997. A teacher in Bernardston, New London and Greenwich, CT, she married C. Albert Pratt in 1931 and lived in Darien for 55 years. A talented musician, she played piano accompaniment for silent movies, sang in the church choir, and played the organ. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, son Alan Pratt, daughter Carolyn Baker, seven grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Great-nephew Christopher L. Brown graduated from Middlebury in 1974.

MARION PELLETT NIELSEN, 94, of White River Junction, VT, on September 27, 1995. She earned a master's from Cornell (1930) and a Ph.D. from the Univ. of MI (1938). She married Aage Nielsen in 1938 and had two children, James Nielsen and Karen Nielsen.

CAROLYN GRIFFITH TARBELL, 93, of Clifton Park, NY, on June 14, 1997. She taught Latin and English in the Schenectady school system for more than 40 years, retiring in 1968. She was past VP of the Lake Worth, FL, chapter of DAR and a 50-year member of Katherine chapter 83, Order of Eastern Star of Danby. Predeceased by husband Kenneth D. Tarbell and by sisters Florence Griffith James '29 and Elizabeth Griffith Hinman '34, she leaves son Kenneth D. Tarbell, Jr., two grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

1925

ELIZABETH SMITH LEWIS, 95, of Beverly, MA, on May 9, 1997. A graduate of Boston Univ., Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Unitarian Church of Beverly and was active in the Beverly Improvement Society, Beverly Female Charitable Society, and the DAR. Predeceased by husband Fred R. Lewis and a grandson, she is survived by son George H. Geddes, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

1926

STANLEY M. SARGEANT, 94, of Atco, NJ, on June 16, 1997. Mr. Sargeant ran a small pharmaceutical company until his retirement in 1972. While living in Highland Mills, NY, he was active in community affairs and served on the zoning board of appeals for 19 years. In 1973, he moved to Harvest Village, a continuing care community in Atco. He is survived by Helen (Middleton), his wife of 67 years, and son Steven Sargeant.

1927

LAURA ANDERSON GUSTAFSON, 91, of Proctor, VT, on July 2, 1997. Mrs. Gustafson worked in the trust department of the Proctor Trust Co. She was predeceased by husband Andrew Gustafson in 1992.

RUTH TUPPER PACKARD, 92, of Vero Beach, FL, on July 24, 1997. Mrs. Packard and husband John S. Packard operated the Royal Park Inn in Vero Beach, the Toy Town Tavern in Winchendon, MA, and several other Treadway Resorts. Predeceased by her husband 1980, she leaves daughters Miriam Brown '58 and Judith Phillips, five grandchildren, and six great-granchildren.

1929

PAUL A. BURNS, of New York, NY, on December 9, 1996, after a long illness.

RUTH HOWARD SAYERS, 90, of Walpole, MA, on June 25, 1997. While working in the research department at Kendall Mills, her findings were published in magazines and journals. During the 1950s, Mrs. Sayers was "housewife critic" for the award-winning television program *Omnibus*, and she was active in Walpole's community theatre. She and late husband Lewis W. Sayers, Jr., founded the company now known as Sayers Associates. Survivors include son Lewis, daughter Janet Sayers Smith '64, a brother, a sister, and five grandchildren.

WARREN R. WITT, 89, of Congers, NY, on August 21, 1997. After a 44-year career with Chase Manhattan Bank, Mr. Witt retired in 1973 as a VP in the trust department. He purchased antiques in VT and auctioned them in NY through Rockland Auctioneers of Congers, NY, of which he was a principle. His first wife, Edith (Thomas), died in 1983. He is survived by wife Isabel Holt Witt '29, daughter Priscilla Witt Hood '64, son Scott Witt, stepson Gordon Wilkins, and two granddaughters. A son, Bryce Witt, died in 1947.

1930

MYRTLE C. BACHELDER, 89, of Chicago, IL, on May 22, 1997. With a master's degree from Boston Univ. (1939), Miss Bachelder was a high school science teacher and athletic coach. Joining the Women's Army Corps in 1942, she worked on the Manhattan Project, operating a spectrograph to test the purity of uranium used in constructing the world's first atom bomb. According to a nephew, Miss Bachelder did not realize the end result of her work until after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. She joined the staff of the James Franck Institute at the Univ. of Chicago, where she continued her work in metal analysis and was among the scientists who studied rocks from the surface of the moon. Survivors include a sister and three nephews.

WALLACE E. GREEN, 88, of Burlington, VT, on May 30, 1997. With a Middlebury M.A. in French, he taught French and English from 1930 to 1971, the last 35 years in Burlington High School, where he also served as counselor, assistant principal, curriculum coordinator, and foreign language department head. In 1953-54 he was a John Hay Fellow in the Humanities at Columbia. Predeceased by a brother and two sisters, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Evelyn Clement Green '32, as

JANICE ELDREDGE DAY '41

September 26, 1919 - July 4, 1997

By Maya M. Van Putten '95

"We need, in life, to practice only this:
letting each other go.
For holding on comes easily;
we do not need to learn it."

—Rainer Maria Rilke

In preparing to look at eastern colleges when I was a junior in high school, my mother took me to meet Jan Day '41. Driving up the road to her house in Malibu, we conferred about Middlebury, deciding that we would visit it as "a courtesy" to Jan, whom my mother had recently met and whose excitement about anything Middlebury was infectious. As we pulled up to the house, a lovely, vibrant woman sprang from the shadows. She was decked from head to toe in Middlebury paraphernalia, waving a blue and white pennant flag—and she was singing. At the time, the song was unfamiliar to me, although I've come to know it well since; it was "Gamaliel Painter's Cane." Jan stopped singing to laugh at herself, as she often did, and we followed suit. Jan warned me that the boys on campus were disastrously handsome and that the Green Mountains would take hold of my heart and never let it go.

To my own surprise, but not to Jan's, I fell in love with Middlebury as she predicted and began to study there in 1991. After our first meeting, Jan came to play an increasingly important role in my life. She became like a mother to my own mother and like a grandmother to me. She was the exact age my maternal grandmother would have been, had she lived, and this forged a special bond between Jan and my family.

My parents became close friends with Jan and her husband, Frank, and we visited them often. We played tennis together, we went to church together, we celebrated milestones and mourned losses. She accompanied my mother, all four years, to Middlebury's Parents' Weekend. She taught me about friendship and patience when I disagreed with my family, she advised me when I was overcome with academic stress, and she acted as a pillar of strength and love when my father died of bone cancer in 1993. Whenever we visited her, she tried to feed us delicious things, all the while telling us stories and jokes. She told me what it was like to attend Middlebury during the Depression, she told me about starting Jaffra, marrying Frank, running a successful business. She explained to me the importance of people, of getting to know them and making them believe in themselves. This was perhaps Jan's most powerful gift; when she spoke to anyone, she made that person feel important and truly heard. I always left her home feeling that my dreams were a little more possible than they had seemed before.

Jan also taught me that it is important, in all relationships, sometimes to give 90 percent and other times to expect that 90 percent in return; this mutual interdependency, she believed, made life worthwhile. But it seems to me that Jan gave, often, more than she received. She particularly loved to give to Middlebury. Jan hosted Middlebury parties for local incoming students, and she opened her home to many others: the women's tennis team during their California tour, student interns working in Los Angeles for the summer, frozen students longing for sun during spring break.

Remembering Jan as I write this, I am struck by her wisdom, by the depth of her generous heart—and I am overcome with gratitude for the gift of her friendship. I am lucky to have so many good memories of her. Now I remember Jan at my graduation, playfully snatching my diploma from me just after I received it, and before that, visiting my father when he was sick, bringing soup to our house for months after his death, plying my mother with flowers, always making everybody laugh. Once, in the months after my father died, my mother and I returned to our car after a long visit with Jan, to find that she had peppered the interior of the car with yellow happy-face stickers. She did this, she explained, so that we would be reminded that there was much to smile about in life, much joy to be had in the world. Some of the stickers still remain; they are faded now, but they remind us of Jan's guidance. And so for now, we keep them where they are.

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well as daughters Janet and Carol, and two grandsons.

1931

CATHERINE HOSLEY AMBROSE, 87, of Manchester, VT, on August 9, 1997. In her career as a teacher and coach at Burr and Burton, she was instrumental in developing sports for women at a time when there were few opportunities for women in sports. As a teacher and coach at North Country Union High School in Newport, she introduced the sport of field hockey and coached her team to two state co-championships (1976 and 1977). She cherished her title of "Grandma of Field Hockey in Vermont," and was chosen VT Coach of the Year in 1977. When she and husband Howard B. Ambrose retired to Manchester in 1978, Burr and Burton recognized her accomplishments by naming the Kay Ambrose Basketball Tournament in her honor. Preceded in death by her husband in 1984, she is survived by daughters Sarah Madigan and Elizabeth Page, three grandchildren, and a sister.

MARIAN TOLLES CHASE, 87, of Henniker, NH, on July 23, 1997. She taught high school history in Watertown and Manchester, CT, and later at Concord (NH) High School, retiring in 1972. As archivist for the town, library, and historical society in Henniker, Mrs. Chase was responsible for the publication of a town history, did genealogical research, and was active in the Henniker Historic District Commission. Husband John P. Chase died in September 1996. Survivors include son John Chase, daughter Cynthia Chase Bentzion '64, four grandchildren, and a brother.

PRISCILLA MARCH, 87, of Peterborough, NH, on July 31, 1997, following an automobile accident. A strong supporter of Middlebury College, she was serving as class secretary at the time of her death. Miss March moved to Peterborough in 1996 and was a tour guide at Historic Deerfield. With an M.A. in English from Middlebury (1935), she taught at Arms Academy (Shelburne Falls, MA) and Framingham (MA) High School, then was librarian at Baker Memorial Library at Dartmouth College and later at Arms Academy. She was also active in the Historical Society and the Woman's Club. Survivors include several cousins.

MARY NIMS MASON, 87, of Gardner, MA, on July 30, 1997. With postgraduate work in dietetics at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, she was a dietitian at Springfield (MA) Hospital in the 1930s. For 33 years she served as assistant to her general practitioner husband, John Wright Mason, in South Ashburnham. She was an active volunteer with the Montachusett Home Care Assoc., visiting and helping homebound people. She leaves daughters Dianne Gaston and Susan Balsley, son Wesley Mason, and five grandchildren.

1932

JOHN A. STORM, 88, of New Hartford, NY, on February 23, 1997. Mr. Storm worked for Procter & Gamble for several years, then became the owner/president of the Storm Feed Co. in Utica, NY, from 1942 to 1982. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Distillers Feed Research Council (1978), and a Certificate of Appreciation from the New England Feed & Grain Council (1981). Predeceased by wife Jane (Alliaume), a sister, and a brother, Mr. Storm leaves son John A Storm, Jr., daughter Sandra Storm Hipkins '60, and two granddaughters. Great-niece Heather Morris graduated from Middlebury in 1991.

1933

WILLIAM VOLKMAR, 85, of Cincinnati, OH, on February 2, 1997. He retired in 1981 from C.W. Zumbiel Co., where he was a production control manager. He and wife Dorothea Mae (Williams) had four daughters, Sylvia, Gloria, Barbara, and Debora.

GEORGE E. YEOMANS, 85, of Fairfax, VA, on May 13, 1997. He went to Scotland with a Dutton Fellowship at the Univ. of Edinburgh, then became an executive with Kodak in Rochester, NY, retiring in 1971. Predeceased by wife Jesse (Sutherland), he leaves son Donald K. Yeomans '64, daughter Sandy Yeomans Batal '59 and son-in-law Robert J. Batal '58, daughter Jean Yeomans Lamson '62 and son-in-law Alan B. Lamson '60, eight grandchildren—including Jean Batal Varney '86, Kate Batal Fort '91, and James A. Lamson '93—and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers Arthur and William; brother Edward H. Yeomans '42 died on June 12, 1997.

1934

RAY H. BLISS, 85, of Binghamton, NY, on June 19, 1997. A chemist in Syracuse, NY, for the Dairymen's League (now Dairylea) for 40 years, Mr. Bliss retired as assistant director of quality control. He played drums in the Cairo Shrine Drum Corps and was also a pilot and photographer. Predeceased by son Robert S. Bliss in 1976, he leaves his wife of 58 years, Kathryn (Sollace).

TAYLOR, FLOYD L., 85, of La Crescenta, CA, on August 15, 1996. Mr. Taylor was retired from a career as an industrial engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. He and wife Eleanor (Long) had a daughter, Christine Liegh, and two sons, William Gregory and Bernard John.

COLIN C. WOODFALL, 84, of Putnam, VT, on July 18, 1997. At Middlebury's Spanish School (where he received a master's in 1952), Mr. Woodfall was secretary to Dean Juan Centeno in 1937 and special assistant to the faculty in 1938. For six years, he served as vice counsel and special assistant to the U.S. ambassador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During his 20-year teaching career at Putnam High School, he taught English literature and served as director of drama. He then taught Spanish at the Pomfret (CT) School, retiring in 1975. He leaves a brother, John Woodfall, and two nephews.

1936

RUTH WEAVER UPSON, 82, of Manchester, VT, on June 19, 1997. Mrs. Upson was on the board of education in Seymour, CT, for 25 years. Moving to Manchester in 1968, she was a math teacher for 10 years at Burr and Burton Seminary and did volunteer work for the Bennington County Humane Society. Survivors include husband Bennett Upson; sons Bennett, Weaver, Peter, and Robert Upson; daughter Judyann Bremer; 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

1937

HARRIET SPAULDING HARRINGTON, 82, of Ashburnham, MA, on July 12, 1997. A graduate of MA General Hospital Nursing School, she taught nursing at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge and was a nurse at Cushing Academy, as well as a private-duty nurse, retiring in 1984. Predeceased by husband Shelby Harrington in 1980, she leaves sons John B. and Thomas S. Harrington '69, daughter Ellen Harrington, a brother, and six grandchildren.

1938

JEAN CLARKE GAGE, 81, of Tiburon, CA, on June 17, 1997. She was West Coast representative of the American School in Lugano, Switzerland, for 23 years. Her volunteer work benefited the Children's Home Society, a hospital, a speech and hearing clinic, and Meals on Wheels. Predeceased by husband E.M. Gage in 1972, she leaves sons John and William Gage, a sister, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

BERTHA STRAIT MOSELEY, 80, of Hyde Park, NY, on May 17, 1997, of Parkinson's disease and Guillaine-Barré. With a master's in library science from SUNY, Albany (1970), Mrs. Moseley was a librarian and library teacher in Hyde Park, NY, retiring in 1981. She was active in several genealogy clubs. She leaves husband Robert E. Moseley, sons Tom and Jim Moseley, daughter Elizabeth Quest, and five grandchildren.

1939

ANNA SPRAGUE MUNSON, 79, of Jonesborough, TN, on April 23, 1997. With graduate work at the Univ. of Miami in FL, she taught biology at Lebanon (NH) High School. She was also active in many orchestral and vocal groups. A World War II Navy veteran, she served as a lieutenant in the WAVES. Predeceased by husband William B. Munson and a brother, she leaves sons Mark and Chris Munson, daughter Marta Yount, a brother, a sister, and four grandchildren.

1940

PRISCILLA BATESON ELDREDGE, 78, of East Greenwich, RI, on June 2, 1997. She was director of testing services and an academic staff member at Rocky Hill School in Warwick, RI. A founding member of the RI Volunteers in Action, she served as a board member for many organizations, including United Way, Planned Parenthood, St. Mary's Home for Children, and the RI School of Design Museum. Survivors include husband Henry P. Eldredge, son Charles C. Eldredge, daughter Susan Mead, a brother, and four grandchildren.

1941

BARBARA TURKINGTON KIRK, 78, of Rockport, MA, on June 17, 1997. She married John M. Kirk '39 in 1940 and worked in the family business for a time. The Kirks were actively involved in Middlebury College alumni affairs for many years, and the John and Barbara Kirk Alumni House Conference Center was named in their honor in October 1979. An avid outdoorswoman, photographer, and golfer, Mrs. Kirk enjoyed time with her family in both Cornwall, VT, and Rockport, MA. Predeceased by her husband in 1991 and by son John, Jr., in 1976, she leaves grandsons John M. Kirk III and J. Douglas Kirk, and two great-grandchildren.

GEORGE T. WALLACE, 79, of Colchester, VT, on July 19, 1997. He served with the Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice, and a brother, Frank Wallace.

1942

ELIZABETH HARLOW NOBLE, 76, of Liverpool, NY, on August 22, 1997. She worked in the accounting

office of General Electric in Schenectady, NY, and was a member of Liverpool First Presbyterian Church, where she was a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher. She was active in the Onondaga Yacht Club and volunteered for the local well baby clinics. Surviving are sons Robert H. and William C. Noble, daughter Margaret Becker, and five grandchildren.

EDWARD H. YEOMANS, 82, of Canton, MA, on June 12, 1997. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he earned the Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, and Divisional Letter of Commendation. Mr. Yeomans was a member of the Canton Post #24 American Legion and a former member of the Canton Board of Health. A retired wool merchant from the Robert F. Fish Co. in Boston, he was predeceased by brothers Arthur, William, John, and George Yeomans '33. He leaves wife G. Evelyn (Fall), daughter Shirley E. Peterson, son Edward H. Yeomans III, and seven grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors are nephew Donald K. Yeomans '64, nieces Jean Yeomans Lamson '62 and Sandy Yeomans Batal '59, and great-nieces Jean Batal Varney '86 and Kate Batal Fort '91.

1944

ROBERT E. REUMAN, 74, of Waterville, ME, on August 29, 1997. With a doctorate in philosophy (Univ. of PA), he taught at Temple Univ. and Lafayette College, then at Colby College from 1956 until his retirement in 1991. A life-long pacifist, he performed alternative service during World War II and later served many stints in Europe and China with the American Friends Service Committee. Survivors include wife Dorothy (Swan); sons David and Jonathan Reuman; daughters Martha Pieper, Ann and Elizabeth Reuman; and six grandchildren.

IRVING WAKEMAN, 75, of Wayne, NJ, on August 13, 1997. A chemist for Tenneco Chemical Corp., in Piscataway, NJ, for 38 years, Mr. Wakeman retired in 1982. In 1951 he married Barbara Speer. Following her death, he married Muriel Roome Wakeman '44, who survives him. Other survivors include daughters Enid Wakeman and Cindy Wilby, sons Robert and Alan Wakeman, a sister, and four grandchildren.

1946

HELEN PARKER BUNKER, 73, of Bar Harbor, ME, on July 26, 1997. With a master's in zoology (Univ. of ME), she was a research assistant at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, working with Nobel Laureate Dr. George Snell in the genetics of tissue transplantation, until her retirement in 1986. Predeceased by a sister, she leaves son John Bunker, daughter Cheryl Bunker, four granddaughters, and her husband of 50 years, Lester E. Bunker, Jr.

ELEANOR SAUER SNIFFEN, 72, of Bedford Hills, NY, on July 29, 1997. She worked for 10 years on the travel agency desk of United Airlines in NYC and later was a volunteer nurses aide at a hospital in Mt. Kisco. She was a regent of the Chappaqua Society of the DAR and was involved in numerous other heritage societies. She leaves husband A. Mead Sniffen, sons Allan and D. Burr Sniffen, and five grandchildren.

1949

OLAF D. REMMLER, 72, of Boulder, CO, on July 1, 1997. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was a physicist for the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, retiring in 1960. Predeceased by daughter Tanya Remmler, he leaves daughter Saiya Remmler, two brothers, three sisters (including Livia Remmler Rosman '48), a granddaughter, and former wife Niza Remmler.

IN MEMORIAM

WENDELL F. FORBES

January 22, 1927 - July 31, 1997

Big Blue Loses a Legend

BY KIM LOEWER '76

The Middlebury College family lost a legend and integral part of our sports folklore with the death of Coach Wendell "Wendy" Forbes '51 on July 31, 1997. Coach Forbes, age 70, died at Leahy Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington, Mass.

Along with Duke Nelson '32, Wendy Forbes undoubtedly had the greatest impact on Middlebury College sports of anyone who ever stepped foot onto a Panther playing field. He excelled at sports both as an undergraduate (1947-1951) and later as the coach of the men's football, hockey, baseball, and golf teams for 25 years (1962-1987). During his tenure as coach he was, and still remains, the winningest coach in Middlebury College history. He led the men's hockey team to two ECAC Division II titles and was named National College Coach of the Year in 1975.

Coach Forbes' contributions to Middlebury College went far beyond his accomplishments on our athletic fields. He left his personal mark on each athlete, student, alum, and staff member with whom he was associated at "the College on the hill." Paul Ford '67, who was coached by Wendy Forbes, recalls that "our teams may not have had the win-loss success we would have preferred, but I would never trade the awesome human experience of playing for Wendy Forbes simply for an improved win-loss record. Neither a win nor a loss would have stayed with me for more than three decades the way my experience with Wendy has, and he still brings a smile to my face and an unbridled chuckle when I recall a shared moment of down-to-earth communication with Wendy."

Middlebury College has truly lost a great alum, coach, and friend.

ROBERT E. ELLIOT, JR. '73

October 5, 1949 - July 30, 1997

The Very Best of Bob

By Karl Lindholm '67

Assistant Professor of American Literature and Civilization, Dean of Advising, Middlebury College

One of the good things about being my age, 52, is that you have heroes on both sides: mentor figures who will always be older and wiser and also younger friends whose lives are inspiring. Bob Elliot '73 was one of those younger heroes. It would be hard for anyone to admire him more than I did. Being a TV personality, he came into lots of homes, and could not have succeeded as he did, if he were not honest and real. Those who knew him, personally or just as a guest on their television screen, will all grieve at his premature passing.

I liked Bob's whole story —how in his thirties he turned his back on a promising network career as national correspondent for NBC news to return to Portland, Maine, his home, to be with his dad after his mother's death, and to do the kinds of stories he wanted to do in the place he wanted to be. He told me he was glad for the time he had in the national spotlight: as he put it, he never had to say, "I coulda been a contendah." What was absent in that life was so much that he valued: a sense of community, intimacy, family, close friends, fun, an opportunity to be creative in his work.

Bob was a Mainer. He loved Maine and he loved being from Maine. I met Bob in 1968 when he was a post-graduate student at Kents Hill School in Readfield and I was a first-year teacher there. Bob was tall and skinny and had big feet and Harpo Marx hair. He had not done particularly well in high school and had not been admitted to the University of Maine. In my English class, however, he read the books with enthusiasm and responded with insight—and he was a good writer, so I encouraged him to consider my alma mater, Middlebury College in Vermont. This was not altruism. He was 6'3"

and a good basketball player, and Middlebury basketball needed some help. In my senior year, we had won 1 game and lost 22. So he went off to Vermont and Middlebury where, after an early academic setback, he embraced American literature as a major and became captain of a basketball team that won 15 and then 16 games in successive years, the best two-year totals in the school's history.

We knew at Kents Hill that Bob had a problem with his heart, but it got better as he strengthened it through exercise, basketball. At least, that's what he told us. I wonder now if living with his heart condition, along with experiencing some early defeats in school, perhaps helped form his exuberant approach to life later on, the obvious joy he took in people and places, his appreciation for the details of life the rest of us miss.

Bob's approach to his life and work reminds me of the instruction of Henry David Thoreau in Walden. Now I'm not going too far with this Thoreau analogy: I can't see Thoreau driving around in a blue Cadillac convertible, as Bob did for so many years. And can you imagine Bob in a tiny cabin at Walden Pond? After two days, he'd have been at a diner in Concord proper, drinking coffee and b.s.-ing with the locals. But Thoreau said life should "not be a hardship but a pastime." I think Bob caught that spirit better than anyone I know.

Bob came to Middlebury last fall to talk to my class on New England literature and culture. He also made a public presentation on "How to Be a Yankee Character" and showed personal highlights from his TV work—a Best of Bob, which attracted over a hundred students on a busy Sunday night. The next morning, he came to my 8:00 a.m. class and explained with passion what was of lasting value in New England and how jeopardized it all is with the homogenizing influences of the day. Then, after class, on a beautiful fall morning, we walked the campus of his alma mater. Time and again, students from Maine approached him spontaneously. They called him by his first name and were glad to see him. He gave all he met his time and good cheer. That afternoon, Bob and I went to see the snow geese, literally hundreds of thousands, who come each fall to a preserve in Addison, Vermont, on their way south from Canada. These birds, big as Canada geese, blanketed the stunted cornfields in white, like snow. They reminded us that day of winter's prospect and time's passage.

It's true we are all unique in our own way, but some people are truly special. Bob Elliot had special talents and he shared them generously with us. He had a good eye and a good heart. He has inspired me in my life—and his memory will continue to do so for years and years to come.

1950

JANET STOKES COBB, 68, of Nassau, NY, on July 30, 1997. A violinist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra until her illness in November 1996, Mrs. Cobb also played in the Berkshire, Vermont, Schenectady, and Glens Falls symphony orchestras. She was secretary to the director of continuing education at Hudson Valley Community College, retiring in 1989. She leaves daughter Emily Higgins; sons John, Eugene, and Timothy Cobb; three sisters; three grandchildren, and former husband David Cobb.

J. FRANKLIN HAVEN, 72, of Covina, CA, on June 7, 1996, of complications from Parkinson's disease. In addition to serving 31 years as a teacher, coach, director of student activities, and dean of boys at Covina High School, Mr. Haven served three terms on the city council and was mayor of Covina from 1968 to 1972. He was also active in Boy Scouts and Colt-Pony baseball, and won a national award in 1962 recognizing his work with youth. He leaves wife Shirley, sons Paul and Todd Haven, a sister, and five grandchildren.

1951

SALLIE ILIFF FIGGATT, 67, of Hilton Head Island, SC, on May 20, 1997, of lung cancer. She was a travel agent with Hilton Head Travel and had been a resident of Hilton Head Island for 14 years. She is survived by husband Marshall Figgatt '51; sons Thomas, Bruce, and Alan; and five grandchildren.

WENDELL F. FORBES, 70, of Middlebury, VT, on July 31, 1997. Before entering Middlebury, he served in the Navy and attended Bridgeton (ME) Academy. He played baseball in the St. Louis Cardinal organization for six years, then coached at Norwich Univ. for seven years before returning to coach at Middlebury in 1962. Surviving are daughters Donna Parker and Cathy Forbes Kelton, four grandchildren, and two brothers. (See profile on page 73.)

1952

THOMAS E. BOSS, 66, of Brentwood, CA, on August 14, 1997. With an MBA from Wharton School of Business (Univ. of PA), he was the director of risk management for Guardian Industries Corp. of Auburn Hills, MI. He served in the Marine Corp during the Korean War. He leaves wife Patricia Cavanaugh Boss '53; son Daniel; daughters Jo Ann Boss, Valerie Gardner, Marilyn Drorbaugh, and Virginia Boss; brother Richard Boss '50; sister Julia Boss Goodridge '46; and three grandchildren. Other Middlebury relatives include brother-in-law Frederick Goodridge '47 and sister-in-law Marie Cavanaugh Frink '52.

1955

JUDITH BERRY BROWN, 63, of West Ossipee, NH, on July 26, 1997. After living in both Marblehead, MA, and Ossipee for many years, she moved to NH 20 years ago. She was a member of the Congregational Church and was an active volunteer for several organizations, serving as chair of the Red Cross in the North Shore area. She leaves husband Gordon L. Brown, Jr. '55, sons Douglas M. and Geoffrey S. Brown '84, daughter Donna Schuler, her mother, a brother, and six grandchildren.

1958

DAVID E. BATES, 61, of Darien, CT, on May 1, 1997. He spent his professional career in the pulp and fine paper industry, retiring as VP of Willamette Industries. An Army veteran, Mr. Bates was a lifelong member of the Tokeneke Club, a member of the Wee Burn Country Club, and the Wilson Cove Yacht Club. He leaves wife Jill (Daniels); his father, Philander Bates '31; sons Jonathan, Stephen, Timothy, and Samuel Bates; two sisters; three brothers; and six grandchildren.

JON V. RODE, 61, of Pompano Beach, FL, on June 24, 1997. Mr. Rode was involved in the furniture industry and founded Spritzel's Retail Stores in south FL. He was active on the board of directors of Broward County Boys and Girls Clubs. He is survived by sons Stephen, David, Randy, and Roger; daughters Mary Jo Rode and Jill Sieck; and four grandchildren.

WARREN L. WELLMAN, 61, of West Oneonta, NY, on August 2, 1997, of cancer. With a Middlebury M.A. in French (1958) and a diploma in contemporary French literature from the Sorbonne, Mr. Wellman was awarded a D.M.L. by Middlebury in 1968. In 1963, he joined the faculty of the State Univ. College of Oneonta, where he was instrumental in the creation of a foreign language program. He retired in 1991. He leaves wife Rita (Nurenberg), a sister, and a nephew.

1959

J. FRED CARBINE, JR., 59, of Rutland, VT, on May 30, 1997. Mr. Carbine served on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, was president of Rutland's Board of Aldermen, and was first assistant clerk of the VT House of Representatives from 1963 to 1968. Practicing law in Rutland, he was active in many community organizations. Rutland's J. Fred Carbine Field was named after him. Predeceased by sister Kathleen Carbine Gager '65 in 1995, he leaves wife Irene (Sherowski), daughters Patricia and Leslie Carbine, and son J. Fred Carbine III. Other survivors are niece Kimberly Gager '90 and nephew Michael Deblois '99.

1962

ROGER W. SULLIVAN, 57, of Coram, NY, on August 12, of heart failure. With an M.S.Ed. from Long Island Univ. and an M.A. from Leicester Univ. in England, Mr. Sullivan was the principal of Smithtown (NY) High School, where he had served as a social studies teacher and administrator since 1962. He leaves wife Susan (Dabney), daughter Farley, a brother, and two stepsons, Mark and Warren Dabney.

1970

KATHERINE SHIKES FREDMAN, 49, of South Bend, IN, on May 30, 1997. She held an M.A. from the CA School of Professional Psychology, and an M.A. in sculpture from San Francisco State Univ. A teacher and sculptor, Mrs. Fredman's work has been shown in South Bend, NYC, and CO. Last spring, she had her first one-woman sculpture show at Fernwood Botanic Garden in Niles, MI. She leaves husband Stephen, son Nicholas, her mother, and her sister.

1974

TODD B. LOVINGTON, 45, of Seattle, WA, on April 13, 1997. With a master's in math from the Univ. of WA, he was a math instructor at Centralia (WA) College. He leaves wife Cathy, brother Mark, sister Sarah, and mother Inez.

1975

ROBERT A. BROOKS, JR., 43, of Lurgan, Northern Ireland, on December 3, 1996. Mr. Brooks lived in Lurgan from 1988 to 1993 and had recently returned there after spending three years at his father's home in Woodstown, NJ. He was a writer of short stories and a member of the Church of Ireland in Lurgan. His mother, Marjorie R. Brooks, died in 1993. He is survived by his father, Robert A. Brooks, Sr.

Language Schools

1940

VIRGINIA WILSON, M.A. French, 96, of Kenosha, WI, on April 27, 1997. She taught French at Kenosha High School until 1965.

1947

DORIS LILLIAN BRENNAN, M.A. 88, of Bristol, CT, on August 28, 1997. She taught French, German, and Latin at Bristol Central High School.

1951

JOAN CURL ELLIOTT, M.A. German, 70, of Nashville, TN, on August 12, 1997. She taught at TN State Univ.

1955

KATHARINE PARKER, M.A. French, of Hawley, MA, on March 19, 1997. She was a freelance copy editor and managing editor of the *Journal of Asian Art.*

1962

TERRY L. HUTH, M.A. German, 59, of Wauwatosa, WI, on June 12, 1997. He was Wisconsin's German Teacher of the Year in 1989.

1970

ODETTE LUONGO, M.A. French, 73, of Milford, NH, on July 23, 1997. She taught French at Peterborough and Milford High School.

1994

SARAH POLICE HODGES, M.A. Spanish, of Ipswich, MA, on June 19, 1997. She was chair of foreign languages at Hamilton-Wenham High School.

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President's Perspective

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Trustees resolves: (1) that student life should be one of Middlebury College's peaks of excellence; (2) that a residential system comprising continuing membership, decentralized dining, and a proximate senior faculty residence should define that peak; (3) that the College should begin straightway to design and implement this system; (4) that the administration prepare and present to the Board no later than its May 1998 meeting a 10-year campus facilities plan, at a not-to-exceed total cost of $210 million, to include the physical requirements of this residential system."

We may well look back on this as a magical, historical moment. These are not judgments that ought to be left to the present generation of any particular entity of the College. They are, rather, judgments that are properly made by those to whom the long-term future and fiduciary responsibility of the College are conferred. At the same time that body, our board, expresses its faith in us to take the College of today and build the College of the Future: a truer version of the college all of you attended, a college where friendships and human relationships constitute a significant part of the experience, where friendships with faculty and with students grow stronger, deeper, and more abiding within the neighborhood.

I have no reason to suppose that the board resolution will be perfectly understood, much less unanimously endorsed. And we could talk this thing to death forever—academic institutions are good at that. But there come times when leaders must lead, and I suppose we have taken some risk in choosing this as such a moment. This community broadly defined, including the entire alumni body, will have opportunities in the course of this year to advise us on how to make this work. We need that advice because, in part at least, it is some of your experience that we are seeking to replicate as we go down the road that the trustees have charted for us.

I believe that in making student life a peak, we have now rounded out the Middlebury range. I'm excited, I'm exhilarated, and I believe that by making student life a peak of the College of the Future, 25, 50 years from now, when all of us are long gone and all of our opinions about this plan have gone to the grave with us, people will say, "Middlebury College: language; literature; international study; environmental study; opportunities for experiences in the wider world; and the best, most educationally distinctive, most student-centered, most student-friendly residential community of any of the small liberal arts colleges." ■

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20 Reception/Launch, *Atlanta*
29 Touch Football Turkey Bowl Classic, *London*
29 Art Exhibit (Cynthia Price '72), *Stowe*

DECEMBER

2 Holiday Reception/Launch, *Philadelphia*
3 Holiday Reception/Launch, *DC*
4 Holiday Reception/Launch, *Baltimore*
4 Holiday Reception, *Denver*
9 Holiday Reception/Launch, *Boston*
10 Holiday Reception/Launch, *NYC*
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JANUARY

10-17 The Grenadines, Alumni Tour Clipper

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LOOKING BACK

WAR STORY COMES TO LIGHT

Professor Waldo Heinrichs taught contemporary civilization from 1934 to 1956 and made a strong impression on generations of students. According to Jean Hebert '44, "He always had a moment for you. I think everybody thought most highly of the gentleman." Hebert, who recently retired from a teaching career at the Canterbury School in Connecticut says what impressed him about Heinrichs, and what he took with him into his own teaching career, was Heinrichs's thoroughness—"He came up with things nobody had ever thought of."

Yet few people knew much about Professor Heinrichs's past. There was some speculation: "I guess we all knew that he had been wounded in World War I," Hebert says. "We thought he'd been shot down." First of all there was his arm. "It was pretty shriveled up, the only thing he could do was hold a cigarette," says Hebert. "He might have had scars around his face, too, but I didn't look too carefully, I didn't want to embarrass him." Second, there was his attitude about Germany. "The man was still very bitter about his treatment by the Germans. He had gotten shot up pretty badly, and put into a German hospital. I don't think doctoring at that time was very advanced."

Hebert knew quite a bit, even then, about Professor Heinrichs's war experience. He recently read *Squandered Victory* by James H. Hallas, in which the harrowing adventures of Heinrichs are recounted. What follows are excerpts from that book.

On an afternoon patrol near Gorze, 17 September, [Lieutenant Waldo Heinrichs of the 95th Aero] and another pilot pounced on a Fokker straggling behind a six-plane formation. The other American's guns jammed on the first pass, and he pulled out of the attack. Heinrichs fired two or three bursts before his marlins also choked. As he struggled to clear the jams, his Spad lost altitude and his intended victim turned on him. Within seconds, it seemed, he had been boxed in by the German formation.

One of the Fokkers put a full burst into the cockpit and a slug tore through Heinrichs' left cheek. The pilot spat out 16 teeth and a mouth full of blood which promptly blew back over his goggles and blinded him.

Throwing his goggles over his helmet, Heinrichs pulled a sharp reversement to elude another German diving directly at him. The maneuver put him under the guns of his first adversary, and another burst riddled the cockpit. Two bullets hit him in the left arm, breaking his elbow. Others smashed through his right hand, left thigh, ankle and right heel.

The Spad stalled. Heinrichs tried to restart the motor by clamping the stick between his knees and opening the throttle with his right hand, but the aircraft was finished. Pursued by three Fokkers, he dove for the ground, leveling out just above treetops. By some miracle, an open field appeared in front of him. The right wing plowed through a telephone pole about two inches in diameter, snapping it off like a matchstick. The plane rolled on, finally rolling to a perfect three-point landing.

Slumped in the gory cockpit with his own blood puddling around his feet, Heinrichs suddenly remembered War Department orders to burn any aircraft about to fall into enemy hands. He took a box of matches from his pocket, but could not light them with his shattered left arm. Undaunted, he broke the fuel lead, allowing gasoline to splash all over the cockpit, then tried to hold the box in his mouth while striking the match with his right hand. The effort failed. The bullet that had taken out most of his teeth had also broken both his jaws.

Before he could concoct another way to incinerate himself, 50 or 60 German infantrymen rushed out of the woods and took him prisoner. The next day the mangled pilot was transferred to a hospital in Metz where he remained for the rest of the war. He survived to become a history professor at Middlebury College in Vermont. ■

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